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SNOW WHITE IS READY TO GO

ACTRESS Claire Huckle will take the starring role in this year's pantomime Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at the Central Theatre. The panto star returns to Chatham after playing Peter Pan alongside former Eastender Michael Greco last year. She will take the lead again this year as Snow White, joined by co-stars Boyzone hunk Shane Lynch and former Three Degree singer Sheila Ferguson. The panto opens tomorrow night and runs until January 6.

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

DRIVERS have been promised better roads across Medway as the council celebrated a £40 million handout this week.

Rail travellers will get a better deal too as part of a three-year plan to make travel easier for all.

Even pedestrians are set to benefit with a multi-million revamp of paths and cycle ways.

Council bosses said the projects will make travel easier and accommodate the growth in population and jobs in the area in the coming years.

The largest slice of the government grant, £13m, will be used to improve public transport throughout the region – improving the quality, accessibility and reliability of services.

A further £9.5m will be spent on increasing road safety, financing traffic management schemes and boosting facilities for pedestrians and cyclists, as well as travel plans for schools and the workplace.

Work to improve the A228 in Grain will receive £9m for a major junction upgrade at Fenn Corner and two new bridges over the existing freight line.

Almost £6.5m will be invested in road and bridge maintenance, with the final £1.5m being spent on Gillingham railway station, providing better pedestrian access both in the station and on the surrounding streets.

Frontline services councillor Phil Filmer said: "With the increased population and jobs in the area, it is vital that people can travel easily around Medway.

"Medway is not only making great strides in regeneration projects such as Rochester Riverside, but we are also undertaking major transport projects to support the regeneration of the area."

The £40 million funding came from two sources, with £23.5m being secured through the Thames Gateway Delivery Plan and £16m through the council's Local Transport Plan.

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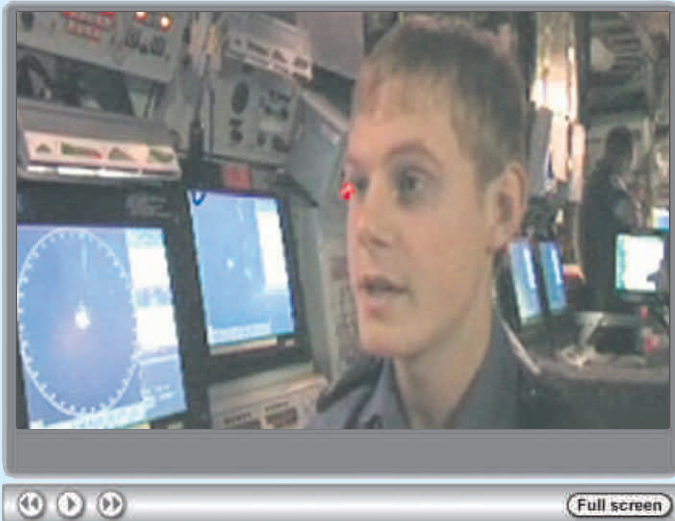
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Death crash biker was over the limit

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A FATHER-of-two killed in a motorbike crash had been speeding and was over the drink drive limit, an inquest heard this week.

Nigel Cannon, 44, died when his Harley Davidson crashed in Maidstone Road, Rainham, near the junction with Rutland Place, in May this year.

An inquest into his death heard the experienced biker had been drinking throughout the day and was likely to have been travelling at more than 60mph in the 30mph zone.

The builder suffered a brain haemorrhage, fractured ribs, a cut to the lung and a broken thigh.

His brother, Lea, who was riding as pillion passenger, was badly hurt in the crash but survived.

In a statement to Yourmedway, Mr Cannon's wife Carol said: "Nigel's untimely death has left a vacuum in the lives of his family, friends and work colleagues that can never truly be filled."

"Our 25 years together produced so much happiness, not least our two wonderful children whom Nigel adored and doted on."

"His loss to us has been unbearable and we are still, even now, completely devastated."

Prior to the accident Mr Cannon and his brother had been at their mother's house in Elmstone Road, Rainham.

The pair set off on a short journey at about 9pm, turning left into Bettesscombe Road and left again into Maidstone Road.

Mr Cannon lost control of the bike on a bend moments later, sending the pair hurtling off the powerful machine.

The bike skidded to the left, hitting



INQUEST: Bike crash victim Nigel Cannon

the nearside pavement and two walls before rebounding back across the road into an oncoming vehicle.

PC David Kirk, who investigated the incident, said tyre marks and the distance the bike skidded after the crash showed Mr Cannon was travelling at a minimum speed of 62mph.

Mid Kent and Medway Coroner Roger Sykes said Mr Cannon's death was a tragic accident.

Mrs Cannon's statement added: "We take some comfort from the fact that during these difficult months we have received floods of sympathy and support from family, friends and work colleagues – a testament to the special man Nigel was."

"Nigel was irreplaceable, a most precious and loving father and husband."

"He touched the lives of, and helped, so many and it is in those happy memories that he will remain with us."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

String of scams led to theft of cashcards

CON artists have struck at seven cashpoints across Medway in as many days – distracting the user before stealing their cards and later their cash.

The thieves targeted lunchtime shoppers in Chatham, Gillingham, Rainham and Strood.

Police said the thieves withdrew cash from the victims' accounts within minutes of the crime.

Gills pay special visit to sick youngsters

FOOTBALL stars got on the team bus yesterday for their most important fixture in the busy Christmas period – visiting sick youngsters in hospital.

Ten Gills players, manager Mark Stimson, assistant boss Scott Barrett and chairman Paul Scally made the trip to Medway Maritime Hospital, where they met poorly patients on two children's wards.

The Gillingham squad handed out presents and took the time to pose for pictures with the surprised youngsters during their festive visit.

Come and enjoy carol concert at centre

YOUNGSTERS will be among the performers at the Hempstead Valley Christmas carol concert on Sunday.

Children from Deanwood Primary Education Technology School in Parkwood will take to the stage at 4.45pm, singing alongside pupils from other Medway schools, as well as church members.

School children score top in core subjects

MEDWAY'S youngsters have chalked up the best ever Key Stage Two results across the region – registering top marks in all three core subjects.

The number of seven to 11-year-old youngsters achieving level four or above hit record highs in English, maths and science and also continued the year-on-year trend of improvement since 2004.

Children's services councillor Les Wicks said: "I'm very pleased to see our schools continue to achieve a marked improvement in all subjects."

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Funds shortfall means services will be cut back

£10 million has to be found somewhere

COUNCIL chiefs have warned key services will have to be cut due to a £10 million shortfall in funding over the next three years.

The startling news comes despite a six per cent increase in the budget allocated by the government which will give Medway £1.9 million more next year.

But this rise will not meet all of the cost of providing vital services to vulnerable youngsters and frail adults.

Council leader Rodney Chambers said: "We were anticipating a worse deal from the government and I am pleased that our campaign for a fairer deal for Medway has been heard."

"But in real terms this increase is a drop in the ocean and still leaves us woefully short on what the council needs."

■ BY JON COATES

"Medway needs an additional 16 per cent in funding next year to provide services for vulnerable adults and 15 per cent to care for children, so clearly the figures do not add up."

The settlement leaves a £10m gap between the council's estimated cost of providing services and the amount of money it will have to spend until 2011.

Less

To make matters worse, the six per cent rise this year will be followed by smaller increases in the next two years.

The council will receive a four per cent rise in 2009/2010 and 3.6 per cent more in 2010/2011.

Mr Chambers said: "This settlement is for three years and the health warning is

that we are getting less for the next two years at a time when we know demand for services is increasing, particularly in the area of social care.

"I disagree with the method the government uses to calculate this, which takes millions away from us even before we start."

"Medway would have received more had it not been for the government formula used to divide up the pot of money councils get, which next year takes an additional £5m from Medway compared to this year."

The council has already frozen recruitment and made cutbacks across the board to leisure, crèche and mental health services.

It has been appealing to the government for more cash in light of the massive expansion planned for the region as part of the Thames Gateway development.

Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON



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SILENT MESSAGE

HUNDREDS of actors performed a mime to spread the message to drivers that drinking and driving wrecks lives.

Two hundred and fifty young actors gathered outside Sessions House at County Hall in Maidstone on Monday at 1pm to launch Kent Highway Services biggest Christmas anti drink-drive campaign.

Each of the actors represented one of the people in Kent killed or injured by drinking and driving each year and performed a mime with the message that such irresponsible action wrecks lives.

Triplets charged with theft of toys

TRIPLETS have been charged with stealing teddy bears from Medway Maritime Hospital.

Shane, Natalie and Sarah Morris, 19, of Sturla Road, Chatham, and Wayne Page have, 20, of Melbourn Road, Chatham, have all been charged after toddlers' toys went missing on Sunday.

Sarah was charged with burglary and handling stolen goods, Shane was charged with burglary and theft and Natalie was charged with burglary. Page was charged with burglary and theft.

They will appear before Medway magistrates on Christmas Eve.

Firefighters do more than just put out flames

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

FIREFIGHTERS have shown their versatility by responding to more than 130 life-threatening medical emergencies so far this year.

As well answering calls to fires, road traffic collisions and other rescue incidents, Hoo firefighters have taken on the role of occasional paramedics – helping the ambulance service cover remote and isolated areas that are hard to reach.

Under the co-responding scheme, firefighters administer vital first aid treatment to patients in their area before medics arrive at the scene.

Proud

Area manager for North Division Steve Jeffery said: "I'm very proud of the co-responders at Hoo."

"They have taken on the additional training with enthusiasm, completing the training well on target and are now having to

respond to a higher amount of call-outs.

"As the crew are retained firefighters and with most having other jobs and responsibilities, this has taken a great deal of commitment, for which they should be commended."

Kent community defibrillation officer Mick Troth believes firefighters provide vital support to medics. He said: "The earliest medical intervention can mean the difference between life and death."

"Having additional resources to call on in areas like Hoo can and do make all the difference."

Kent Fire and Rescue Service set up the co-responding partnership with South East Coast Ambulance Trust in 2004. The scheme also operates in Dymchurch, Eastchurch, Eastry, Edenbridge and Paddock Wood.

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Chatham's Historic Dockyard makes it
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Were you on the 132 bus?

GRIEVING Ron Cogar hopes bus passengers who could have vital information about his wife's death will come forward.

Judith Cogar, 64, died in Medway Maritime Hospital in June, a month after falling down the stairs of a double-decker bus.

She damaged her knee and possibly punctured her lung in the accident on the number 132 bus to Hempstead Valley on May 16, which arrived at St Augustine's church at 1.15pm.

Mr Cogar, of High Street, Rainham, said the bus driver took his wife to hospital, but drove off shortly afterwards.

He said: "To get to the bottom of what happened we need to talk to the people who were on the bus that day."

Mr Cogar wants to prepare a dossier to present to North Kent Coroner Roger Sykes for her inquest.

Anyone with information should call solicitor John Herbert on 01892 701226.

Gold award for campus buildings

A MULTI-million pound campus has picked up first prize at the Kent Design Awards – with two of the site's showcase buildings sharing the coveted trophy.

Judges jointly awarded the building renovation gold to the Drill Hall Library and the Pilkington Building at the Universities at Medway campus.

The £16 million Drill Hall Library provides state-of-the-art computing and study facilities at the Chatham Maritime site. Formerly part of the Royal Navy barracks serving HMS Pembroke, the library is thought to be the longest library in Europe and has more than 130,000 items.

The Pilkington Building opened in September 2006 after being refurbished at a cost of approximately £8 million. It includes a 175-seat lecture theatre, exhibition room, and a social meeting area.

Lorries seized in roadside checks

TEN lorries were stopped in their tracks during a day-long crackdown on unroad-worthy goods vehicles.

The trucks were deemed so unsafe that traffic officers banned the drivers from continuing their journey.

Two vehicles were seized for having no insurance, while another seven were issued with notices ordering them to have offences rectified within a fortnight.

The road check operation was conducted at the M2 Farthing Corner services.

Anger at post office consultation 'sham'

A council leader has labelled Royal Mail's consultation process over post office closures a "sham".

Four post offices in Medway will be closed next year after failing to get a reprieve from planned cost-cutting measures – despite widespread public support to save them.

The branches are Frindsbury Road in Rochester, Brompton High Street and Byron Road in Gillingham and Station Road in Rainham.

The public were given the chance to have their say on the proposed axing of 58 branches across Kent after Post Office bosses unveiled their plans in October.

But the announcement this week that they will close has angered Medway council leader Rodney Chambers as it came four days before he was due to meet with the Government minister responsible for postal services.

His meeting had been postponed from a date within the consultation period.

■ BY JON COATES

He said: "It seems extremely convenient that the meeting we were due to have with the minister on November 29 was postponed until Monday – four days after the announcement was made."

"It certainly looks as if the decision had already been made, which gives me no confidence that the consultation was anything other than a sham."

"Our post offices are a lifeline for residents, especially the elderly and disabled, those in receipt of benefits and small businesses who depend on their local sub-offices."

"Medway's population is set to grow by 50,000 over the next ten years, resulting in the need for greater access to such services, not less. These closures are ill-conceived and will damage local communities."

Cllr Rehman Chishti, who fought against the closure of two post offices in his district, said: "I

am bitterly disappointed by the decision. It was not just a Post Office decision, it was a Government decision."

"I will now look at whether there is any way of appealing against this decision, as these post offices offer a lifeline to elderly residents."

Two branches on the original 58-strong list, in Ramsgate and Hawkhurst, were saved from the chop because of transport and access issues.

But two more branches, in Dartford and Goodnestone, took their place.

Consultation will begin on these proposed closures tomorrow.

A statement from the Post Office said improvements would be made to 18 Kent branches in a bid to reduce the effect of the impending losses.

The government said cuts in the Post Office are needed as the network has been losing £4 million a week.

In total 2,500 branches nationwide will be axed, with the first closing in the New Year.

Picture: KNP



KELLY SAYS BYE TO DAD

GRIEVING actress and model Kelly Brook bid an emotional farewell to her father behind closed doors at his funeral this week.

The private service for Kenneth Parsons took place at Medway Crematorium in Chatham on Friday.

The 57-year-old builder had passed away at the family's home in Rochester at the end of last month following a long battle with lung cancer.

Brook, 28, had been one of the favourites to win BBC TV talent show Strictly Come Dancing before her father's death.

She initially said she wanted to stay in the show and carried on rehearsals with fiery dance partner Brendan Cole, saying it was what her father would have wanted. But she found it too difficult to concentrate on the gruelling schedule and was forced to pull out.

Brook lives in a £1 million country home in the village of Grafty Green, near Maidstone, with Hollywood star Billy Zane.

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BEGINNING: Medway Park will eventually boast an eight-lane athletics track, amongst other facilities

Work starts on Olympic sports centre

MEDWAY'S Olympic ambitions have moved a step closer with work starting this week on the £11 million centre of sporting excellence.

Workmen moved into the Black Lion Leisure Centre on Monday morning to start transforming the Gillingham complex into a state-of-the-art pre-games training camp in the run-up to London 2012.

The improved centre, set to be renamed Medway Park, will boast an eight-lane athletics track, purpose-built gymnastics centre and cater for more than 20 sports and events.

Community boss Cllr Howard Doe said: "This is an exciting phase in our project to develop the growth of sport in Medway."

"We want to encourage young people to participate in sport and Medway Park will raise their aspirations."

The existing Black Lion building will be completely renovated during the coming years, providing users with a martial arts centre, health and fitness suite, sports hall with spectator seating, new free-weights room, dedicated health and fitness suite for junior athletes, upgraded swimming and changing facilities, and improved disabled access.

The martial arts centre forms the first

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

phase of development and is set to be finished by March 2008.

Builders will then work on the new changing areas and refurbishing the swimming pool in September, moving on to the new health and fitness suite in January 2009.

Work will start on the all-weather athletics track in May. The last phase of the development, the centre's dance studio, will be completed by November 2009.

The government has donated £5 million from its Thames Gateway programme fund towards the project, while the University of Kent at Medway has pledged £3 million towards the £11.1 million costs.

Medway Park is being backed by Olympic and Paralympic medallists Steve Backley and Danny Crates, who were named as Medway International Sporting Ambassadors earlier this year.

The towns are ideally placed to take advantage of the 2012 games, being less than 30 minutes from London's Olympic Park via Ebbsfleet.

The Black Lion Leisure Centre will remain open during the refurbishment work. Full lists of opening times are available from the centre and the Medway 2012 website, www.medway.gov.uk/london2012.

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Meet around the table to discuss your fall-out

FAMILY fall-outs over Christmas can prove big business for law firms, with more divorces started after the holiday than at any other time of year.

Deborah Nicholson, a partner at Stephen and Sons in Chatham and a specialist in family law, said: "For most of us it's wonderful to spend more time together at Christmas, but for some it can bring existing problems to a head and people often make it their New Year's resolution to take action."

"We always try to work with our clients and their families to reduce the emotional and financial hardship that can arise in the breakdown of a relationship and help find the best solution."

"We can offer a fixed-fee appointment to discuss the available options and help people decide what to do next."

Ms Nicholson is also one of a growing number of family lawyers practicing collaborative law, a process in which couples and solicitors meet around a table to hammer out financial and custodial agreements rather than going through the courts.

Dramatic drop in number of school exclusions

THE NUMBER of problem pupils being excluded from Medway's schools has plummeted in the last five years.

Just 32 youngsters – all from secondary schools – were permanently excluded in the 2005/6 academic year, down from 111 in 2001/2. The fall bucks the county trend – which has remained constant – and has been credited to Medway's policy of moving troubled pupils on to another school rather than booting them out of the mainstream system.

Medway council's social inclusion manager Juliet Sevier said: "With commitment from all sides this can be very successful."

Kick up a storm when you learn more football skills

JOE Coles and Frank Lampards of the future can learn to tackle like their favourite football stars at a new centre in Medway.

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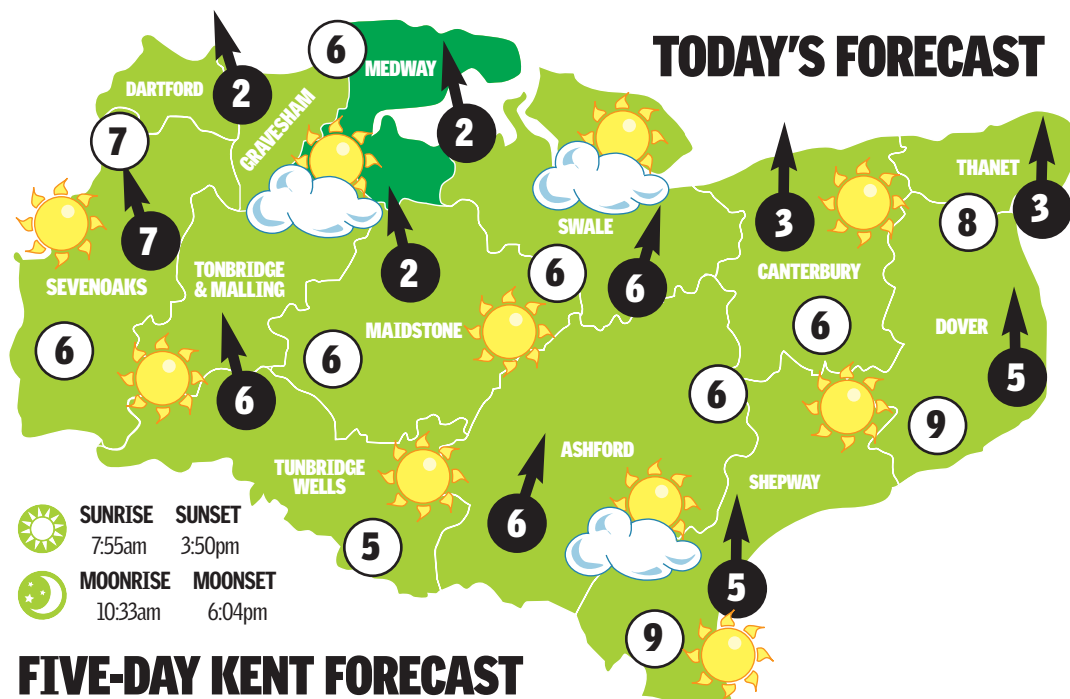
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	Sunday	3.03pm	5.8m
Dungeness	Saturday	1.59pm	6.7m
	Sunday	2.50pm	6.6m
Ramsgate	Saturday	2.57pm	4.5m
	Sunday	3.47pm	4.4m
Sheerness	Saturday	4.03pm	5.3m
	Sunday	4.51pm	5.2m
Whitstable	Saturday	4.02pm	4.9m
	Sunday	4.52pm	4.8m



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Barcelona	16°C	Paris	9°C
Beijing	0°C	Rome	13°C
Bombay	31°C	Sydney	22°C
Cape Town	23°C	Tenerife	21°C
Cardiff	8°C	Tokyo	11°C
Gibraltar	16°C	Vancouver	0°C
Hong Kong	24°C	Warsaw	3°C
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FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	5°C	3°C	4°C	4°C	5°C	Gravesend	6°C	3°C	5°C	5°C	5°C
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Chatham	5°C	5°C	3°C	5°C	5°C	Ramsgate	4°C	5°C	4°C	4°C	4°C
Dartford	6°C	4°C	4°C	5°C	5°C	Rochester	5°C	5°C	3°C	5°C	5°C
Dover	5°C	3°C	4°C	4°C	5°C	Sittingbourne	5°C	4°C	5°C	5°C	5°C
Faversham	5°C	3°C	4°C	5°C	5°C	Sevenoaks	5°C	1°C	5°C	4°C	5°C
Folkestone	5°C	5°C	4°C	4°C	4°C	Tonbridge	5°C	1°C	5°C	5°C	5°C
Gillingham	6°C	3°C	5°C	5°C	5°C	Tun Wells	5°C	1°C	5°C	5°C	5°C

Trucker drowns

A MAN drowned after his dumper truck crashed into a lake at a quarry.

The police, fire brigade and ambulance service were called to Salt Lane Quarry, near Cliffe, on Wednesday at 2.20pm when the alarm was raised.

Emergency operators were told a dumper truck had gone into the deep lake at the bottom of the quarry. The driver of the industrial vehicle, a 46-year-old man from Dartford, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Man still missing

POLICE are growing increasingly concerned for the welfare of Richard Miles, who has been missing for two weeks today.

Richard, of Lynsted Lane, Sittingbourne, last made contact on Wednesday, November 28 from either Rochester or Strood.

The 27-year-old, who sometimes goes by the surname of Morrison, also has contacts in Chelmsford, Essex, and Sale, Manchester.

Anyone with information is asked to call Kent police on 01795 419182.

Soldier death query

THE mother of a soldier who died in Afghanistan is set to meet up with defence secretary Des Browne following issues raised at an inquest.

Elaine McCulloch-Brandt said questions remained unanswered concerning the tragedy which was caused by a mortar attack.

She said: "All I want is the truth."
An inquest has ruled that L/Cpl Luke McCulloch, 21, of Gillingham, was unlawfully killed in September 2006.



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ANNA MOORE



Q So what does your job actually involve?

A Someone will contact me saying that they need help in choosing an outfit – it may be a woman who is going back to work after having a baby for example.

I'll do a profile of them, find out about their lifestyle, and their likes and dislikes about themselves. I then go to stores I think are appropriate, choose outfits and accessories, and the client will spend time with me trying them on and I'll give my opinion on what works and what doesn't.

Q Why do you feel that a second opinion on choosing clothes is important?

A People tend to focus on what they don't like about themselves – it's 'does my bum look big in this?' But I will notice what really does look good in a person. It could be a great pair of legs or wonderful cleavage.

I will try and accentuate that rather than conceal. Also when I dress and accessorise I can see how things will work together. Like a pair of trousers might be great for work, but with a little bit added would be fine for evening wear.

Q How did you get into this line of work?

A I was working as a commercial stylist, so I was dressing models and organising fashion shoots and I kept getting asked for my

advice by friends. It ended up that I was doing more of the personal than the professional, so I decided to go full time.

Q What is the major difference between then and now for you?

A Well I used to dress models, now I deal with real people. They come in all shapes and sizes, they are aged 18-70 with different attitudes, lifestyles and budgets. It's far more interesting and far more of a challenge.

Q Who is the most famous person you dressed?

A I'd have to say Yasmin le Bon.

Q How is it working at Bluewater?

A It's great – it's all just so handy. Doing this in the West End you are taking cabs, driving in traffic and taking ages to get anywhere. At Bluewater it's all under one roof, shops are seconds away, parking is easy. There are great cafes and restaurants to take a break in as well. I actually approached Bluewater myself and asked them if I could work alongside their stores and it's worked out great.

Q What about the stores themselves?

A Fantastic – they're all top quality and range from the quirky to the large flagship stores.

Q What about your own personal shopping preferences?

A I love Massimo Dutti (a worldwide fashion chain with ranges including sophisticated, urban and sporty). But I also think M&S is fantastic. I'm certainly not a designer-led girl. If I think something is worth the money I will buy it. But the fast fashion on sale in the British High Street is fantastic – not beaten anywhere else.

Q What has been popular in the run-up to Christmas?

A I have had a lot of husbands buying vouchers for their wives to come and shop with me and that has been great.

They cost £300 and I suppose the present includes a budget for the visit on many occasions.

Q So what would you consider a good present, say I paid for a voucher and donated £700 for a £1,000 gift to a friend. Is that about average?

A Actually it's very generous – I think anything over £500 works. But you can get yourself kitted out very nicely for £200 so it's not got to be hugely extravagant.

Q & A

Anna Moore is a style queen and a personal shopper at Bluewater and with her help can make a person look and feel like a million dollars in just a day – as she explained to **Nick Ames**



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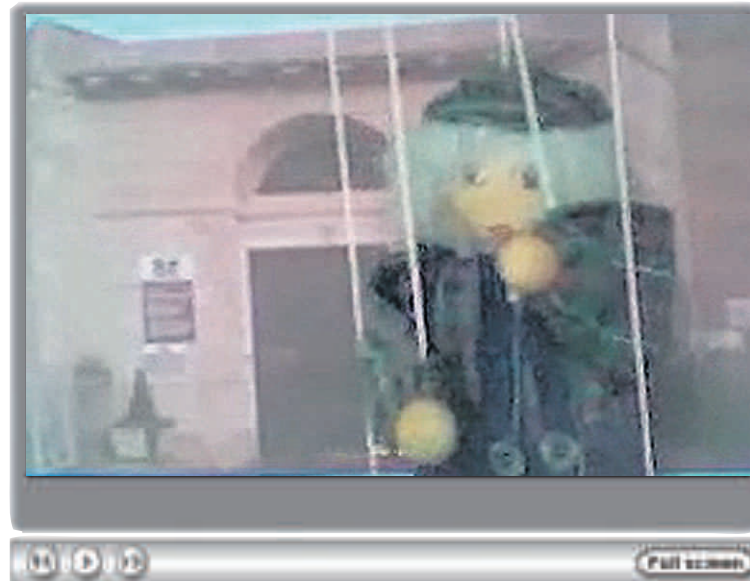
1 Waltzing with Gordon Giltrap

Thanet residents Ian Sharpe and Victoria Lawrence are UK champion amateur ballroom and Latin American dancers, and have appeared in TV shows and ads – they were filmed dancing to Mrs Singer's Waltz, a tune composed and performed by famed guitarist Gordon Giltrap.



2 Your roving puppet reporter

Meet the county's newest roving reporter – Ken Tishman. Although he's a puppet, Ken has strong views about foreign criminals behind bars at Canterbury prison, the cost of public transport, and how elderly people will be hit by the high cost of heating their homes.



3 Confessions of a DJ

Inspired by the popular films of Invicta FM radio presenters' confessions on Community TV, our own sweet-toothed rapper EmCee Flapjack has some of his own secrets he wants to get off his chest. If you've got a story to share, why not upload it to yourkenttv.co.uk?



4 Unique gorilla is born free

This footage shows the first gorilla born in the wild to reintroduced parents. The film has been released by the Aspinall Foundation, based at Howletts wildlife park near Canterbury. The parents of the baby, who was born on October 5, are wild-born orphans.



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Ebbsfleet United manager says referees should get hi-tech help

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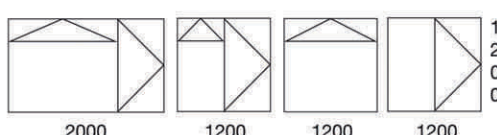
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Lorry lenses to prevent side-swiping

■ BY NICK AMES

MOVES to reduce the problem of foreign lorries 'blind-siding' motorists on the county's major highways are now in place, following Government action to hand out stick-on safety lenses to help drivers see when overtaking.

The threat to the county's drivers is most intense on the M20, M2 and A2, where the high-sided trucks come from the Continent and pass through to other parts of the UK.

It comes from the juggernauts having the steering side on the left, which means the driver can fail to see cars when pulling out to overtake – sometimes with fatal results to unwary motorists.

Scheme

In 2006, Kent police figures taking into account the M20, M2, M25, M26, A2 and A20 showed 45 instances of accidents where death or injury occurred involving Continental trucks.

A pilot scheme has seen the special lenses – given out at ports in both Kent and across the Channel – reduce the rate of accidents by 59 per cent in recent months.

Now a further 90,000 of the devices are to be given out in a bid to reduce instances even further.

They come complete with instructions in

English, French, German, Spanish, Polish and Dutch, and adhere to the passenger side window to widen the driver's field of vision and cut out the dangerous blind spot.

The so called 'Fresnel lenses' are small wafer-thin sheets of flexible plastic – about 10 inches by 12 inches – with a moulded optical lens that sticks to flat glass.

A Transport Department spokesman said: "Nine per cent of all HGVs in accidents are foreign-registered. Of these 1,117 HGVs, 982 were left-hand drive and weighed more than 7.5 tonnes.

"Some 409 foreign-registered left-hand drive HGVs were changing lane to the right at the time of the accident and 14 were changing lane to the left."

Speaking ahead of a visit to the Channel Tunnel Lorry Park in at Ashford, Road Safety Minister Jim Fitzpatrick said: "Side-swiping is an issue we are determined to tackle.

"It's important all truckers, whether from Britain or overseas, are able use our roads safely.

"However, many drivers here don't realise that left-hand drive lorries can't easily see a car overtaking them on the right, such as on a motorway."

"This has resulted in more than 400 side-swipe incidents in 2006 alone. As well as being dangerous, these incidents cause delays and congestion."

Officials at the Department for Transport said all trucks had a blind spot alongside the cab on their passenger side, which can



ON THE BLIND SIDE: New safety lenses will help lorry drivers from the Continent see UK drivers more easily

cause cars alongside to disappear from the driver's view.

A spokesman said: "This is a particular problem for left-hand drive trucks operating in the UK, when they change lanes to overtake. The lenses offer drivers of left-hand drive vehicles a wider field of vision through the passenger window."

The trial was conducted by the Highways Agency, the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency and the Immigration Service.

A total of 40,000 stick-on Fresnel lenses were distributed free of charge at three French ports to drivers of left-hand drive lorries coming to the UK.

Pfizer celebrates HIV drug with £25,000 fund

TO celebrate the launch of its ground-breaking new HIV medicine, Pfizer has set up a £25,000 fund to help community groups across the county.

Maraviroc is the latest drug to be discovered and developed by the pharmaceutical giant's research and development scientists based at Sandwich.

The first new oral class of HIV medicines in the last decade has been granted regulatory approval in Europe and the US, and will go on the market under the trademark name Celsentriq.

To mark the breakthrough, Pfizer aims to support 25 Kent-based community projects improving health and the wellbeing of people across the county.

Each accepted project will receive £1,000 to spend on computer hardware or software.

Pfizer teams have raised the money for the Computers for the Community Fund by recycling IT equipment no longer needed at its Sandwich R&D centre.

Discovery

Dr Annette Doherty, the plant's research and site leader, said: "At Pfizer we understand the value of technology and its importance in advancing medical research to deliver new, innovative medicines for patients.

"It is the expertise of our world-class scientists taking advantage of the capabilities of IT that led to the discovery of maraviroc.

"Lack of IT resources, however, can pose a stumbling block for many organisations. That's why we're offering to help 25 Kent not-for-profit projects by funding new IT equipment."

She added: "Pfizer plays an active part in communities across the county and we want to celebrate our success in developing the new medicine by giving practical support to local projects that share our passion for improving health and wellbeing."

To apply for the fund organisations will need to demonstrate they are based in Kent and delivering projects in the county, operating as not-for-profit, and aiming to improve health and wellbeing.

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McDonald's can be found throughout Medway – including in Chatham and Gillingham high streets.

Give charitably cheery cards this Christmas

CHARITY Christmas cards are on sale to raise money for research to combat one of the most common life-threatening illnesses in the country.

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Great seasonal deals on games and consoles

A CHAIN of stores is offering a number of great deals on this year's must-have games consoles.

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For details see www.game.co.uk.

Majestic cocktail has become a popular mix

THE ingredients needed to make The Queen's favourite cocktail have rocketed in popularity after being revealed in a TV programme.

Demand for gin and Dubonnet has jumped by 41 per cent at Asda after the Palace official in charge of her drinks store described exactly how to make Her Majesty's top tipple.

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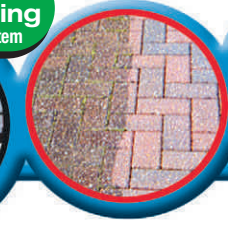
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WIN! Signed Long Way Down books courtesy of Kent Nissan dealerships

ADVENTURE addicts hooked on Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman's fantastic Long Way Down expedition will be thrilled to learn that Nissan, which provided two Patrols to support the team on its extreme journey, is releasing a number of Long Way Down Special Edition vehicles.

To complement the current range of naturally capable 4x4s, Nissan has created Special Editions of not just the Patrol but also the Navara 4x4 pickup to mark Nissan's involvement with the Long Way Down adventure.

Available now from Ancaster Bromley, Beadles Maidstone and Motorline Dartford including other Nissan dealerships in the area, motorists can drive away in the vehicles famed for their rugged performance, much like the Nissan Patrols that supported the travellers on their journey from John O'Groats to Cape Town.

To celebrate, the Kent Nissan dealerships are offering readers the chance to win one of 15 Long Way Down books signed not only by



Russ Malkin and David Alexanian, the producers and directors of the hit show who drove the Nissan Patrols 15,000 miles, but also by adventurer Charley Boorman, who travelled the journey by motorcycle.

The two Nissan Patrols, which were modified to take the extreme rigours of the journey, demonstrated well-proven strengths of the Nissan 4x4 range including reliability, power and durability as they supported the Long Way Down team.

During their 86-day tour, the vehicles tackled non-existent roads, uncompromising terrain, deep mud and floods. The only problem to report over the journey was a single puncture between them!

It's easy to see why the Long Way Down team chose a Nissan 4x4 as their support vehicle on their gruelling 15,000-mile journey. The Patrol 'Long Way Down' Special Edition boasts a high-performance 3.0 litre, 160 PS, 16-valve



diesel engine along with a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission with selectable 4WD and dual ratio gearbox.

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Matched in strength, style and durability are the Nissan Navara and Nissan Navara Expedition 'Long Way Down' special editions.

The Navara also took on an important role on the Long Way Down journey, it was driven by local crew from Botswana to South Africa.

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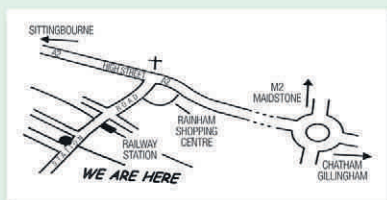
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Instead of Tasers police should just shoot to kill

This week we learn the Home Office is thinking of giving our boys in blue a Taser each so they can protect themselves from those nasty criminals on the street.

For those of you who still don't know, a Taser fires a couple of electric prongs which give a paralysing electric shock and leave recipients doing a wriggly dance on the floor.

It looks quite cool in the news clips, definitely gives a cop the advantage over suspects who won't come quietly and, er, well sometimes they seem to kill people too. Oops.

Don't get me wrong, I believe most of our cops on the street do a great job, but I've always felt the problem some officers suffer from is that they forget not everyone is a scumbag. So, sometimes, when they are dealing with someone who has done nothing wrong, their manner can be a little abrupt.

I think the problem with our police came when they dropped the height restriction from

5ft 9ins about 20 years ago. Most of us tower over the average cop, I've been at football matches where even with their pointy hats they barely reach eye level.

As for the women – not being sexist – but it really is too much for a 5ft nothing woman to be expected to deal with a brawling six-footer who weighs 18 stone, no matter how well trained they are in self-defence.

In the old days, a 6ft copper armed with two-feet of wood (stop sniggering at the back) could sort out anything. Just ask any miner. Then, as the police got shorter, they were handed these excellent telescopic batons, which hit your body with a frequency that deadened the arm or leg. Nice.

But now, when 'heightism' is obviously as carefully steered around as racism or sexism in our force, for our little army of coppers a baton is just not enough.

They've had a go with pepper spray too. It's quite disabling, but it never seemed to worry the drunken lout staggering into the street from an Indian restaurant looking for a punch

up. The pepper spray was mild compared with the vinaloo he'd just polished off.

And there were numerous accounts of police who shot themselves in the face rather than the suspect. The can is a bit confusing, it is after all little more than an aerosol.

So, now we may see Tasers handed to our cops. No more need to wrestle with yobboes, just a bolt of a million volts and they'll be a dribbling wreck on the pavement.

I'm against Tasers, if the criminals have guns, as they commonly do in major cities, then arm the cops and tell the "gansta kids" they're armed. And when you do shoot, get on with it and shoot to kill.

Leave the Tasers with Americans, they shoot loads of people, so the 200 or so deaths blamed on Tasers would probably have resulted in someone being shot dead anyway. Different story over here though.

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TALK TIME

CHRIS PRITCHARD

The events manager and DJ tells us about living in Chatham and working in Medway



What do you like about Medway?

Well to be honest I moved here about five years ago and the conceptions I had were mostly true, yet as time has gone on I must admit that it's those harsher qualities that make Chatham endearing to me now.

It's a town with character. A friend of mine said to me that in a town like this there is always a rose in the gravel. No matter how many horrible people and situations you encounter, there is an incredibly good person here which you wouldn't find in most towns.

What do you dislike about the area?

To be entirely honest and it doesn't answer as such the question you ask, but I never really pay attention to aesthetic issues and local politics. Basically, which ever way the traffic goes round the town centre does not affect my sleep whatsoever. With most towns the same answer would apply, but to say I dislike compulsory whinging. Sure it sells a few more local newspapers and gives topics of conversation to those with nothing to say to each other, but I dislike the need to complain and whine - ha.

How would you describe Medway to someone who's never been here before?

It's a bloody great town. It has its qualities good and bad that give it character. I have friends that are scared to come here. As a musician I feel its vital to live in a town like this. Based in the sunny ghettos of Ashford or Canterbury, you can't really empathise with the grim streets like we can. Prossies, skagheads and violence. Welcome to sunny Medway. Ha ha!

YOUR LETTERS

Good sport but where was Nelson?

Congratulations to Chris Britcher on his award for the quality of his sports writing. I used to very much enjoy reading his stories in the Saturday Observer and Kent on Sunday on all aspects of sport.

The only time he left me disappointed was when I turned up at Brands Hatch in the expectation of seeing Nobel Prize winner Nelson Mandela who Mr Britcher had confidently forecasted would be there.

But sadly the saviour of South Africa was nowhere to be seen.

David Hills
Maidstone

Great to see such support for trust

Good for Joanna Lumley that she is backing the Kent Wildlife Trust by becoming its patron in its 50th year.

That such a popular, important and busy person can devote their time and energy to this cause just shows how important it is that we preserve and appreciate what we have in this county.

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Jeremy Bentham
Hollingbourne

Rochester has so much to offer

I thoroughly enjoyed the Dickens Festival in Rochester and would



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like to say how well your photographer's images captured the event.

Why can't the city put on more

days like this?

We have a great heritage in this area with things like the castle and cathedral and it would

be great to see more being made of them.

David Merton
Rochester

Empty promises affect vulnerable

As usual the most vulnerable people are being targeted by a Government which cares very little for the more unfortunate members of our society.

For those unaware I am referring to the closure of a specialist recruitment centre for people with a disability. Of course it is all being done to cut costs.

Why does a Government which promised so much on coming to power behave in this manner?

Bill Murphy
Chatham

Xmas lights dupe - what a Shane!

Re: Lights switch on in Chatham

Front page headlines: Shane Lynch to switch on lights - instead we got the mayor - duped again.

Dave Peters
by email

People's votes gave us a ray of Sunlight

The board of trustees at Sunlight Development Trust would like to thank all the people of Medway who supported us by voting in the People's Millions seen on Meridian Tonight on Thursday, November 29.

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Sunlight Development Trust is an independent charity and to support our desire in tackling health inequity and developing stronger, safer and inclusive communities through our social enterprise arm, we have developed Sunlight Cafés.

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Tony Crowcroft, chairman of Sunlight Development Trust, from Gillingham by email

Say no to the cruelty of animal testing

The RSPCA is deeply concerned about the suffering of animals used in research and testing.

The current review of the European law governing animal experiments presents a vital opportunity to benefit millions of animals.

We have launched a petition to demonstrate how strongly the public wants the new law to ensure tighter controls on animal use in experiments throughout Europe. You can add your support at www.rspca.org.uk/directive86609, or going to your local RSPCA branch or shop.

The RSPCA believes the new law should cover all animals used in basic research as well as education and training. Such animals account for 35 per cent used for scientific purposes, and are not currently protected by law. An immediate ban on the use of apes and primates and a co-ordinated strategy to replace all other primates use should also be included.

We hope your name will be on the petition when we present it to the Government at the end of the year.

Sally Hall
RSPCA regional manager
South East region

Condolences to Kelly at this sad time

I have to write in to say how sad I am at Kelly Brook's current situation.

She was bringing so much pleasure to so many people with her appearances on Strictly Come Dancing which have so sadly been curtailed by the death of her father.

May I use your newspaper to wish her and her family all the best at this terrible time.

Sam Jones
Chatham

Don't fob off great safety device idea

It's a good move by the family of Lucie Blackman to launch a new safety device which might help young people avoid the tragic fate

which befell her.

I would urge all young people who feel they may be vulnerable to take advantage of the BuddySafe key fob.

Trevor Eales
Paddock Wood

Don't be so paranoid about identity cards

Your blogger last week seemed to be firmly in the anti camp when it comes to the issue of identity cards. So I have to ask him or her what have they got to hide?

For people who have nothing to worry about the identity card will just not be an issue.

People will carry it as a matter of course and just use it without a second thought. It is only those who are in some way contravening the law who will have anything to be concerned about.

Miles Cavendish
Maidstone

Well done Mr Shaw on your humpback

Why do people have such a negative attitude all the time?

Last week you printed a letter from a reader saying the move by Jonathan Shaw MP to adopt a humpback whale was nothing more than a publicity stunt.

As fisheries minister Mr Shaw is surely well versed in the situation regarding the sea and its inhabitants.

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Mike Coyne
Strood

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CLASSIC songs with a personal resonance will ring out again as Lorna Luft brings her acclaimed show to Kent.

Songs My Mother Taught Me is Luft's first tour for a decade and one which both celebrates her own talent and pays tribute to her mother, legendary entertainer Judy Garland. Described as her most ambitious project to date, Luft has created a multi-media production that blends some of the world's best-loved songs with personal memories of her mother.

As the daughter of Garland and producer Sid Luft, music and entertainment were an integral part of her childhood.

She made her television debut on The Judy Garland Show at the age of 11, singing with the incredible voice that still makes her a hugely popular live performer.

Luft went on to become an acclaimed stage, television and film actress, best selling author, recording artist and Emmy Award nominated producer. Songs My Mother Taught Me has already been awarded two Los Angeles Theatre Alliance Ovation Awards.

Her mother was born Frances Ethel Gumm in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, in 1922. She first trod the boards at the age of two and a half, when she joined her two older sisters in a rendition of Jingle Bells at her father's theatre.

She soon emerged as the real star of the act, which had been renamed The Garland Sisters, and signed a contract with film studio Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer at the age of just 13.

In 1939 she landed the role of Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz, which is perhaps her most famous and best-loved character ever.

Her unforgettable voice and outstanding charisma



grabbed the world's attention and she became one of MGM's most bankable stars.

As she got older, Garland tried to escape the girl-next-door image created for her in an attempt to compete with her glamorous contemporaries.

However, she always worried about her appearance and suffered a number of breakdowns due to the pressures of her relentless workload.

She was married five times and had two other children - Liza, with director Vincente Minelli, and Joseph, also with Sid Luft.

Her incredible film, television and concert career was sadly overshadowed by the drug addiction which started during her early days at MGM. She died from an accidental overdose of barbiturates in her London home in 1969, aged just 47.

For Luft, who was only a teenager at the time of her mother's death, revisiting the past is both an emotional and uplifting experience.

She has released an album to accompany the tour, produced by husband Colin Freeman and long-time friend Barry Manilow, which includes emotive classics such as Meet Me in St Louis and A Star Is Born.

"In the show, we laugh, we cry, we sing, we joke," she said. "We celebrate the joy that was and still is my mom and her music."

The performance starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £19.50.

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FOR MOM: Lorna Luft's first tour in ten years is a tribute to her mother, Judy Garland

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In the new show, all the old favourites are present but this time they are trapped in the Macabre Mad House, until they escape and run amok into the Parisian nightlife.

Undead Ringmaster Dr Haze presides over the madness, as witchdoctors, voodoo acrobats, bendy bodies, demon dwarfs and even a pickled person play out the hellish tale.

The show, which contains some nudity and bad language, is recommended as PG viewing. Strobe lighting and pyrotechnics are also used.

The performance starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £17/£20/£23. To book, call the box office on 01322 220000 or visit www.orchardtheatre.co.uk.



ROY WOOD

Saturday, December 15
The Mick Jagger Centre, Dartford

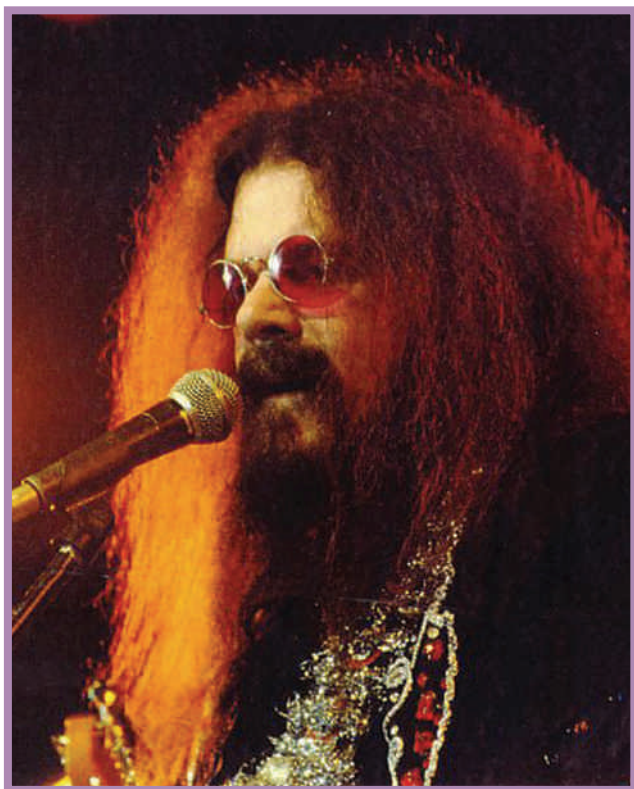
DON'T miss the chance to see a music legend in action when Roy Wood whizzes into Dartford next weekend.

Founder of the world famous bands Wizzard and ELO, Wood is a member of an exclusive group, the Society of Distinguished Songwriters.

He also earned one of music's highest accolades when he was honoured with an Ivor Novello Award for Outstanding Song Collection.

Wood launched his music career as a teenager before forming 'supergroup' The Move. He wrote their first single, Night of Fear, which became a Top Five hit and set the precedent for nine more Top 20 hits over the next five years, all written by Wood.

It was the beginning of a stunning career for Wood, which has included the hits I Can Hear The Grass Grow, Blackberry Way, California



Way, See My Baby Jive and the Christmas classic, I Wish It Could Be Christmas Every Day.

The concert starts at 8pm

and is a standing gig with limited balcony seating. Tickets cost £22/£20. To book or for more information, call 01322 291100.

CLEO MUSSI AND MIRIAM ZADIK GOLD

Until Sunday, January 13
The Rochester Art Gallery and Craft Case

IMPORTANT life events are explored using the medium of mosaic art at a new exhibition in Rochester.

Two artists will be using their specialist mosaic techniques to create unusual pieces, featuring found and handcrafted items.

Internationally established mosaic artist Cleo Mussi (whose work is pictured) will be exhibiting in the art gallery. She trained at world-renowned Goldsmiths in London, where she originally concentrated on textiles and recycled fabrics. She gained an extensive knowledge of pattern, print, weave and stitch techniques and now works with a broad range of mass-recycled tableware and handmade tiles in her colourful, poignant work.



In the Craft Case, London-based Miriam Zadik Gold brings mundane objects to life by taking them from their normal settings and combining them with materials she has made. Her pieces, using traditional and folk-art techniques, explore cross-cultural memories, travel, migration and absence.

The exhibition is open from 10am to 5pm Monday to Saturday and from 10.30am to 5pm on Sundays.

MEDWAY LEISURE

Live jazz band will get you swinging all evening

ENJOY a great evening of 'jazzmatazz' at Lloyds in Featherby Road, Gillingham, tomorrow.

The seven-piece Donn Barcott Band will be performing from 8-11pm, offering some fantastic live jazz swing.

There will be snacks and a licensed bar available, along with a raffle.

Admission costs £5. For more details call 01634 405037.

Trio of bands isn't just black and white

THREE great bands will be performing live at the Beacon Court Tavern in Gillingham tomorrow night.

Black & White Music Promotions presents Milton Avenue, The Onlookers and Sixnation State. Doors open at 8pm and the music starts at 8.45pm. Entry costs £5.

For advance tickets, see www.wegottickets.com. For more details call 07828 488136 or see www.myspace.com/blackandwhitemusicpromotions.

All folk can come along and enjoy punk too

FOLK/punk band Los Salvadores will be playing at the Command House in Chatham on Friday evening.

The Rodeo Plan, a punk act, and skiffle/punk band Bender Crack Corn will be joining them on the bill at the pub in Dock Road, with the music starting at 8pm. Entry costs £3.

For more information call 01634 828181 or see www.vwpsounds.com

Choir to entertain with festively seasonal songs

MAGICAL sounds of the festive season can be enjoyed at the Rochester Choral Society's Christmas Concert.

The St Andrew's School Senior Choir and Christine Hubbard will be joining the society at St Stephen's Church in Chatham on Saturday.

Tickets for the concert, which starts at 7pm, cost £5 for adults and are free for children.

For more details call 01634 401049 or visit www.rochesterchoral.co.uk.

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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Honest view about retrograde art (8)
6 Wife initially gives assistance to pups (6)
9 Thrifty girl removed fur first (6)
10 Fundamental part cut short of a potato perhaps (4-4)
11 Seeing good girl reflectively here (7-5)
13 Can be linked to this gang (5)
14 Bend one's knee to get information on flu etc. translated (9)
17 Way first for churchgoer (9)
19 Odd but amusing (5)
21 Least space in which to wash one's hands? (8,4)
24 Pearls ie scattered on lattice-work (8)
25 Chucker-out does not finish the jump (6)
26 Curtain project (6)
27 Dismissing as contagious (8)

DOWN

- 2 Started part that was sharp-tasting (4)
3 Divine swimmer? (9)
4 Run fast, go quietly round everybody (6)
5 Call it fifth-rate wood-destroyer (7)
6 Unlawful, incorrect with three-quarters complete (8)
7 Do better making excellent start (5)
8 Not well for a short time and is easily beaten (4,6)
12 Lullabies? (5,5)
15 Boastful person making a lot of noise with the feature (9)
16 Sticking notice on, he is upset (8)
18 Thus Rita was held up inside - that's ironic (7)
20 Deep cavity at last for marsupial (6)
22 Released part of contract (5)
23 Old Bob is able to glance (4)

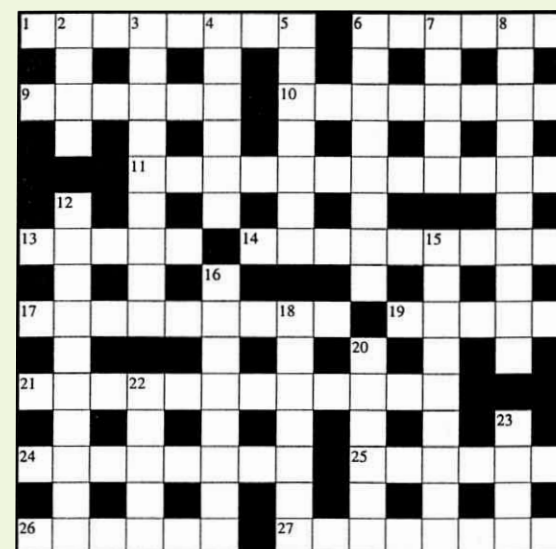
QUICK CLUES

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6 Pillar (6)
9 Typewriter key (6)
10 Fence of stakes (8)
11 Photographic slide (12)
13 Glean (anag.) (5)
14 Deadlock (9)
17 Wandered (9)
19 Brush (5)
21 Hurry (4,2,3,3)
24 Nervous person (8)
25 Extinct primate (6)
26 Inscribed (6)
27 Tolerance (8)

DOWN

- 2 Anticipation (4)
3 Athletics event (9)
4 Polish capital (6)
5 Down payment (7)
6 Blameworthy (8)
7 Cotton thread (5)
8 Decimation (anag.) (10)
12 Amount saved (10)
15 Illusory discovery (5-4)
16 Joined again (8)
18 Relating to morals (7)
20 Horrified (6)
22 Covered entrance (5)
23 Hospital room (4)



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YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

YOU could get lots of acclaim at work by conserving the company's resources. This is also a good time to hire extra help or invest in time saving machinery. A new group of people could make their way into your life. These friends could prompt you to expand your intellectual horizons. A female executive is poised to award you a plum position.



PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

AN exciting career opportunity could come your way. Although the prospect of assuming a powerful position is daunting, it's also exciting and energising. Don't let anxiety stop you accepting an impressive job offer. Celebrate your good fortune by taking a glamorous trip with your beloved. Snap up the objects of your desire this week



ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

RETURNING to school or embarking on an extended trip will open new worlds for you. This is a mixed blessing as you're having so much fun at home. Still, you can't afford to pass up an opportunity like this. Fortunately, your friends and family are poised to give you a push. Look to them when you start feeling jittery.



TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

YOUR creative juices are flowing fast and furious. If inspiration strikes, stop what you're doing and focus your intuitive insight on this bright new idea. An exciting new phase of your love life begins this week. Money could come your way. Save it to travel or study, as 2008 will be rife with opportunities to do both.



GEMINI (May 22 - Jun 22)

A NEW phase of a close partnership begins this week, but you'll feel torn between your personal and professional lives. You could get into a heated argument with someone who seems paralysed with indecision and you're tired of being kept in limbo by their indecision. Fortunately, friends and family are squarely behind you.



CANCER (Jun 23 - Jul 23)

IF IT has been difficult to broach a sensitive subject in the past this week brings a heaven sent opportunity to have a serious talk and get things sorted out before Christmas. A new job opportunity could fall into your lap and it may involve the chance to work from home or even give you a green light for starting your own business.



LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

PUTTING a little extra overtime can help your festive financial outgoings. You'll be in a better position to enjoy a romantic affair. Take care that you don't repeat past mistakes by showering expensive gifts on your amour. If this person truly cares for you, they won't demand expensive gifts and goodies.



VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

FRIENDS can relieve you of dreaded chores in the countdown to Christmas so don't hesitate to ask for help if you need it. If you want to move or buy a new home, the next two weeks are ideal. Someone who is afraid that they can't move a property during the festive season may be anxious to cut you a deal.



LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

YOU can be a real power behind the scenes this week. Resist the lure of the spotlight, as you'll make much more progress working in the wings. An erratic colleague could start getting on your nerves now so be sure to make your wants and wishes crystal clear. That way you won't be implicated in any mistakes they might make.



SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

HELP with an ethical matter will be forthcoming this week. Follow an older person's advice regarding a hostile situation. A new source of income could come your way. Don't let a romantic partner or child persuade you to cancel business plans. You've got to seal this deal now, while the client is still keen. Friendship could turn to romance.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

REVAMPING your looks puts you in the mood for the holiday season. Don't be surprised if an important executive starts throwing admiring glances your way. Trying to talk sense to an irrational relative will prove an exercise in futility so postpone this until after Christmas. Exerting your iron will could result in a journey or a new venture.



CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20)

JOINING forces with a partner over an ethical matter is wise. When the opposition sees they are outnumbered, they will take the honourable route. You may crave solitary pleasures over the next two weeks. This could prove problematic with Christmas on the horizon. You must set boundaries if you're going to find time for the activities you love.

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HE WAS A QUIET MAN (15)



Bob Maconel is about to have a bad day. On this particularly bad day, Bob crosses the line from potential killer to inadvertent hero and in the process saves Vanessa's life. This invisible nobody saves the object of his desire, only to have her ask him to end her life.

CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG)



Cedric the Entertainer plays Jake, a seemingly regular guy who has no idea who he is after being hit over the head by mysterious assailants. When he finds himself entangled in a government conspiracy, Jake and his pursuers become convinced he is an undercover agent.

Star reveals secrets of a golden world

■ BY BEN FALK

IT'S a film based on a controversial but much-loved book trilogy – with a young hero on a quest helped by brave souls in a world full of darkness, magic and mystical creatures.

If this all sounds very Lord Of The Rings, it's because New Line Cinema, the company which wagered its fortunes on the film version of Tolkien's classic tomes, is doing the same again with a spectacular adaptation of the first novel in Philip Pullman's His Dark Materials series.

The Golden Compass is rumoured to be the most expensive movie ever made, with an estimated budget of more than £120 million.

It stars Nicole Kidman and Daniel Craig, but the story really rests on the shoulders of a 13-year-old newcomer called Dakota Blue Richards, who plays Lyra Belacqua, a precocious child who finds herself caught up in a mystery of epic proportions.

"I hope it doesn't affect my normal life too much," says the young actress, who lives in Brighton, Sussex. "Whenever I'm not in work, I'm back in school and just a normal pupil. I'd hate for the people at school to see me differently because of the film."

She might not have much of a choice. Already expected to be this year's major blockbuster, The Golden Compass is being presented as the first chapter in a three-part franchise, capitalising on the popularity of the books.

The novels are known for their complex themes, as well as their supposed anti-Catholic bias, which makes summing up the plot rather tricky.

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In short, we are introduced to Lyra who lives in an alternative version of our world, she witnesses some shady behaviour by clerical body the Magisterium, meets her uncle Lord Asriel (Craig), befriends then evades the cold and calculating Mrs Coulter (Kidman), before heading north to rescue her friend Roger, who has been kidnapped by... well, you'll just have to see it to find out.

Making the journey more interesting are the various beasts she encounters along the way.

Not only does she enlist the help of a talking armoured bear (voiced by Sir Ian McKellen), but one of the conceits of the story is that in this universe, every person has their own demon, which is a physical manifestation of their personality or soul, in animal form.

Lord Asriel is a dark horse. Though dashing



NEWCOMER: Teenager Dakota Blue Richards, stars in the new fantasy film The Golden Compass

and mercurial, the twists and turns of the plot mean you are never quite sure of his intentions. And for Daniel, basking in the success of his first outing as Bond in Casino Royale, there were no qualms about plunging into another recurring role.

"It didn't bother me at all," he says. "That sounds like I have some grand plan, but it wasn't like that. It was a happy accident that it came up."

The father-of-one also revelled in sharing the screen with a raw youngster. "I get a big kick out of it," he explains. "You've got to work very hard and keep them enthused because it's a long day and the kids' energy levels go down. Dakota learned very quickly though and I teased her a lot."



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Celebrate Christmas in Calais

BY NICK AMES AND MARIJKE COX

A CONTINENTAL Christmas is just an hour away as Calais celebrates a joyeux noel with festive wine, food and fun.

One of Europe's largest roller coasters forms the centrepiece of the celebrations which have transformed the town over the holiday season.

It was put up on December 1 and is open until January 6, it is in position outside the historic town hall.

A Christmas parade took place at the weekend, which marked the latest stage in the festivities which commenced on the last day of November, when the Christmas lights were switched on.

Starting at the Place Crevecoeur and finishing in the Place d'Armes, spectators watched a fire and light show as gypsy horsemen galloped by and traditional music played.

Refreshments were provided at the finale with the local delicious chicken soup – a speciality of the nearby village of Licques – top of the menu.

The last few days have also seen a spectacular circus called Zavata come to the town, which featured clowns, jugglers and other performers.

A special children's village opens on Saturday, which is created out of timber. Attractions include a roundabout, fishing for ducks and a skittle alley. There is also a crèche for younger children.

Also, from Saturday a 'land train' will take visitors across the town and drop them off at vari-



DELIGHTFUL: The Christmas market at Calais has become a great festive day out

ous attractions. And for those with romance in mind, a horse drawn carriage is another option to see the sights.

A spokesman for the town said: "This is the biggest Christmas extravaganza we have ever seen in Calais. We are really looking forward to welcoming our English friends and showing what we have to offer."

"For a long time, Calais has been associated with a quick trip across to bring back wine and beer – but there is so much more here. There is history, the local countryside and some very smart restaurants, bars and hotels."

"We also have a huge range of shops selling

the best of local produce – meats, cheeses, wines and handicrafts.

"This is our opportunity to showcase what we have to offer and give people the chance to appreciate a truly French Christmas just an hour away from the shores of England."

In France, Christmas is a time for family and for generosity, marked by family reunions, gifts and candy for children, gifts for the poor, Midnight Mass, and le Réveillon.

In northern France, the Christmas season begins on 6 December, la fête de Saint Nicolas. The country also has its own unique Christmas traditions.

French children put their shoes in front of the fireplace, in the hopes that Père Noël will fill them with gifts. Candy, fruit, nuts, and small toys will also be hung on the tree overnight.

In 1962, a law was passed decreeing that all letters written to Santa would be replied to with a postcard. When a class writes a letter, each student gets a response.

And this being France, food is very much on the menu, with traditional turkeys and goose featuring as the main course, with the local pureed crab a particular Calais delight.

Delicious desserts include La bûche de Noël (Yule log), made of chocolate and chestnuts. It represents the special wood log burned from Christmas Eve to New Year's Day in the Périgord, which is a holdover from a pagan Gaul celebration.

Also popular is La Galette des Rois (on Epiphany) – a round cake which is cut into pieces and distributed by a child, known as le petit roi or l'enfant soleil, hiding under the table. Whoever finds la feve – the charm hidden inside – is king or queen and can choose a partner.



FESTIVE FAYRE: Calais Christmas Extravaganza

Fact File: Calais

Time difference	+One hour (GMT)
Currency	Euros approx 1.425 to £1 (rate varies)
Region	Nord Pas de Calais
Language	French
Religion	Roman Catholic majority
Climate	Temperate

Visit details

You can get to Calais direct from Dover with P&O Ferries, or SeaFrance. Crossing times are around 90 minutes and foot passengers can take the free bus straight into the centre of the town.

Norfolkline sails from Dover to Dunkerque, which has its own Christmas programme but Calais is short drive along the coast.



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SUNDAY: ROBIN HOOD (4.05pm): As Robin joins the quest to unravel the coded clues leading to the mysterious Thesaurus Patriae, Marian decides to act alone in helping Locksley villagers.

BBC TWO

SATURDAY: THE CULTURE SHOW (6.10pm): The show's presenters look at the highlights of 2007, choosing their favourite moments.
SUNDAY: EARTH: THE POWER OF THE PLANET (7pm): Dr Iain Stewart travels to surfers' paradise Hawaii to learn more about oceans, explaining the difference between waves, tides and currents.

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SATURDAY: THE X-FACTOR FINAL (7.15pm): The remaining three acts are joined by judges Simon Cowell, Sharon Osbourne, Dannii Minogue and Louis Walsh.
SUNDAY: PARKINSON: THE FINAL CONVERSATION (9pm): The talk show host rounds off his career with a bumper helping of chat, including Peter Kay, Sir Michael Caine, Sir David Attenborough and Dame Judi Dench

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SATURDAY: 100 GREATEST FUNNY MOMENTS (9.15pm): A selection of slip-ups, laughs, gaffes and forgotten gags from chat-shows, hidden camera stunts, internet viral attachments and stand-up comedy spots.

SUNDAY: ADDICTED TO PORN (11.25pm): Documentary examining the nature of porn addiction and its human costs, as well as exploring the growing evidence that the condition has a chemical basis.

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SATURDAY: GREMLINS (5.45pm): Although Steven Spielberg ensures things don't get too nasty, this remains a wonderfully anarchic affair that is probably one of Hollywood's blackest mainstream hits.

SUNDAY: CLOSER (9pm): This all-star relationship drama follows a quartet of absurdly beautiful London urbanites.

I didn't want to be the next Ken Barlow

■ BY BEN FALK

THERE are plenty of ways to be killed off in a soap, but being bludgeoned to death with a spanner by your on-screen daughter is pretty final. Such was the fate of actor Thomas Craig, who played Coronation Street mechanic Tommy Harris, in 2005.

"The initial contract was six months and I did two and a half years," says the 44-year-old, who obviously holds no grudges. "It was their decision."

In fact, dying was something of a release for Thomas who admits that he never wanted to be a long-standing cast member. "Who wants to be Ken Barlow?" he says.

It gave the father-of-two the impetus to move onto other projects, notably the new series of Blue Murder, in which he stars opposite Caroline Quentin's homely detective as a corrupt football agent.

"There's only half a dozen scenes, but it was a nice part," he says, from the backseat of a London cab, where he is on his way (and late thanks to terrible traffic) to pick up his children from school. He concedes he can't remember much of what he did in the show, other than "put on a nice suit and slick my hair", since he filmed the programme back in May.

"He represents a young footballer who gets murdered," he continues. "He's in the mix, because he's caught out lying to the police."

One suspects Thomas partly said yes because the role gave him a chance to talk about football, something he is more than



MOVING ON: Thomas Craig has no regrets about leaving Coronation Street after two and a half years

passionate about. Like his Corrie alter ego, he is a lifelong Sheffield Wednesday fan and tries to get to most games.

"I've got two kids now, so I've got to pick and choose my games," he says. In fact, although he acknowledges they are too young to fully comprehend the nature of fandom, he has been trying to slip a Wednesday shirt on them from time to time. "But my missus takes them off and tells me not to be stupid!"

Although he never played to a competitive level, Thomas has indulged a fantasy to compete professionally courtesy of Sky's reality show, The Match, in which he has taken part for the last three years. "I played

centre half," he remembers, proudly. "It was fantastic – 52,000 people at St James's Park."

While he may not have had the skill or pace to make it in footie, Thomas is enjoying an enviable career as an actor and doesn't regret his decision to quit his previous job as a plumber.

"I just got interested in it when I was about 19 or 20," he recalls. "I got involved in proper classes. The guy there said 'do you fancy drama school?' and I said yeah."

He went to the Academy Of Live And Recording Arts in London and after a three-year course found his way into the business as a supporting actor in shows like The Paradise Club, Casualty and Where The Heart Is. "My family thought I was crackers," he says. "Until I started appearing on TV, they didn't get it."

"I've always had a career where I work and then I don't work," he explains matter-of-factly. "It feels like I'm not successful, but I've just been out in Canada for four months doing a TV show out there (the forthcoming Murdoch Mysteries). I've not worked for a month and now I feel like I'll never work again!"

Now is concentrating on the future and is particularly excited about the Canadian show, in which he plays a police chief. The programme is made by the people behind The State Within and will broadcast over there, before probably transferring to UKTV Drama next year.

He's also looking forward to Christmas, which means a lot to him. "The last two Christmases I've done panto," he says. "But I'm not doing one this year, because I've not had a proper family Christmas for the past two years. This year it's going to be good."

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A VIDEO diary posted this week by aspiring singer Laura Warwick proves it's not just gig footage that gets catches fans' interest.

Admitting "I can be a bit goofy at times" Laura lets her hair down in an un-staged personal look at the recording process, bum notes and all.

Performing is obviously in her blood; her great uncles are none other than Ray and Dave Davies from the Kinks, but she says she is not in contact with them and "nor are they any sort of stepping stone to stardom... unfortunately."

Currently involved in a number of projects, from soul to hip hop Laura is working with several musicians from both sides of the Atlantic.

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THE KINGSDOWN BAND:
A broad range of music, from from 60s classics through to current chart hits. This is the band at the Faversham Hop Festival earlier this year.



BEN MILLS: Local lad performs Crazy Train at an impromptu gig. The X-factor runner-up has postponed his UK tour due to recording commitments, and a new album is planned for 2008.

LOCAL TV ONLINE



GORDON GILTRAP: Classical guitarist plays over video of UK amateur champion ballroom and latin dancers, Ian Sharpe and Victoria Lawrence, from Thanet, dancing to one of his songs.



TIM POLLEY AND ROD DEXTER: Clip of Whitstable songwriters' show Been There Street, with of 17 songs, a seven-piece band, four singers, two narrators and a technical crew of four.



LAURA WARWICK: Jazz and soul singer's studio diary, shot during the recording of her latest song Paradise, provides a snapshot of Laura at work in the studio.



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FANCY THIS?
Natasha, 21, 5'8", WLTm Mr Right. Single mum of 1, like shopping, clubbing, relaxing... Why don't we do these things together? We can if you call! Box 901622

LOOK ME UP
24yr old single mother of 2, very bubbly and fun to be with, looking for happy-go-lucky guy to show me a good time. Box 432026

TAKE HEART
Crystal, 24, brunette, blue eyes, petite, likes music, art, films, swimming, country walks, WLTm friendly guy for friendship maybe more. Box 432235

LIVELY UP YOURSELF
Lively female, 26, 5'12, brown hair, green eyes, size 10, single mum, enjoys most things, seeks genuine, laid-back guy for fun, friendship and more. Box 428555

LOVE TO LAUGH
Full-time mum, 26, loves pubs, clubs, cinema, family days out, GSOH, likes socialising, relaxing, looking for honest, loyal, fun, romantic person who's a N/S. Box 900347

DESPERATELY SEEKING SUSAN?
Susan, 33, long hair, hazel eyes, tanned, enjoys the usual things in life, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 429879

RING MY BELLE!
Hi, I'm Annabelle, 32, blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, divorced, 2 children, WLTm a tall, local man, enjoys sport, shopping and relaxing. Tonbridge. Box 420609

CANTERBURY TALE
Single mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out, cinema. Box 406670

AFRICAN ADVENTURE
African lady, 33, brown eyes, likes socialising, music, pubs, cinema, seeks male for friendship and more. Box 413128

LESSONS IN LOVE
Loving, caring, black African female, 33, school teacher, WLTm caring, honest, loving, open, professional man, 35-50 with good values in life, for something meaningful. Box 422460

TRY NEW THINGS
Mum of 1, I'm 5'4, blonde hair, slim, young looking, 34yrs old, I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH, I like keep-fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431559

R U THE 1?
Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5'13, brown hair/eyes, East Peckham, nr Tonbridge, seeks caring, loyal male for friendship/more. Box 433107

YOURS FOREVER!
Active, affectionate female, 35, 5'13, blonde, blue eyes, likes cinema, walking, cycling, swimming, wrestling, WLTm tall, dark & handsome bloke. Box 430932

TRUST MATTERS
Independent, professional female, 35, 5'7, fit, GSOH, enjoy travelling, cinema, looking for a like-minded, honest and loyal male to share life with. Box 901774

THE EYES HAVE IT
Attractive, trendy, outgoing, warm female, 30, dark brown eyes are a big feature, curvy but slim, like country pubs etc. WLTm spontaneous male for LTR. Box 403299

SECURE FUTURE
Honest, caring lady, attractive, from Tunbridge Wells, 37, hazel eyes, curvy, 5'16, with a GSOH, many interests, clubs, cooking, cosy nights. Looking for stocky male, 35-45. Box 424364

MISSING MALE COMPANY
Chatty female, 36, 5'4, single mum, blonde, slim, likes pubs, clubs, going out, having fun, seeks male, for fun nights out and giggles. Rochester. Box 372889

THE WIT TO WOO!
Kent female, 39, 5'7, dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 152862

FUTURE PERFECT
38yr old lively, down 2 earth female, GSOH, enjoy all life's pleasures, looking for relationship Box 920397

LOVING TOUCH
39yr old single mum, own house, 5'7, brown hair, seeking a kind-hearted man for companionship. Box 433637

GET IT TOGETHER
Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4, average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899694

NEVER SAY NEVER
Decent 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'6", likes cinema, eating & having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664

NOT FOOTBALL CRAZY
Divorced, affectionate lady, 40, large build, 5'6", love staying in, cinema, looking for a thoughtful male to share good things in life, leading to LTR. Box 430332

LOVE TO MEET YOU
Kind woman, 42, outgoing, happy-go-lucky, sometimes shy, I like gardening, socialising, travel, walks. Looking for happy, fun fella. Aylesford Box 428464

TAKE A CHANCE
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

FOOTBALL FANATIC
Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5'10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384

A FINE ROMANCE
Pleasant female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, winning, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 429071

READ ALL ABOUT IT
Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTm N/S man to share things with. Box 429682

STOP PRESS!
Friendly, N/S female, 44, medium build, long hair, WLTm N/S male. 44-55 for fun, laughter, possible relationship. Ramsgate. Box 903566

DON'T PASS ME BY
Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 823441

ROMANCE IS ALIVE
Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 813930

NICE SMILE???
Single 36yr old female, like most things in life, very loving and caring, 5'5", cuddly build, good personality, seeking a gentle, considerate man. Box 431286

SEIZE THE DAY
Loving female, 36, 5'14, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

COULD IT BE MAGIC?
Single mum of 2, 37, caring and loving, 5'14, slim, blonde hair, blue eyes, GSOH, enjoys most things in life. Box 898868

NEW TO THE AREA
Happy, bubbly, positive female, 37 years old, outgoing, loving, caring, loyal, quite spiritual, into dance music, trance, cooking, the countryside, looking for soul mate. Box 433539

HOPING FOR MORE
36yr old single lady, long blonde hair, big blue eyes, slim, 5'17, looking for a guy who's caring, honest, for TLC and maybe more. Box 902011

THE FULL TREATMENT
36yr old nurse, enjoys fun and laughter, travel, nights in/out, music, dancing, reading, theatre. Seeking man for company, maybe more. East Kent Box 912176

YOUNG-AT-HEART
Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, with curves, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks exciting, fun male for friendship/relationship Box 901893

BE ORIGINAL!
Sincerely, honesty, and intelligence, is that just too much to ask for? With a hint of cheekiness, I'm 46 from the Maidstone area. Box 158956

KNOW HOW TO TREAT A LADY?
Blonde haired, attractive female, 46, 5'14, slim, GSOH, seeking good-looking, slim, kind, trendy male, 35-45, with a GSOH, and fantastic personality. Sheerness Box 432618

STIMULATING COMPANY
Bubbly, caring, single mum, 46, WLTm nice male, for good conversations, company, and maybe more. Box 396829

READY TO START AGAIN
Hi, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTm compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992

ALL THAT I NEED
Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428833

BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD
Loving and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 909974

CANTERBURY CONNECTION
Attractive, blonde woman, 5'4", 49, enjoys the gym, cooking, cinema, theatre, travel and restaurants, seeks male for friendship. Box 388091

FEEL THE MAGIC
Slim female, 51, long dark brown hair, brown eyes, 5'16, well groomed, very easygoing and tactile, GSOH, enjoys socialising, nights in/out, eating out, cinema walks. Box 434052

EVENING PRIMROSE
Primrose, 51, divorced with 3 children and 2 grandchildren. I'm 5'12, with dark hair, looking for someone for companionship. Box 433580

ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?
Loyal, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433585

LOVE TRAIN
Young-looking 51yr old woman, seeking a kind, genuine man, between 48-51, for fun and friendship, maybe romance. Box 432406

LOVE IS IN THE HAIR!
Sue, 51, slim, blue eyes, brunette, ladies hairdresser, looking for someone special. How about you? Box 431904

AM I THE 1?
48yr old divorcee, 5'5", dark hair, hazel eyes, 5'10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, days/nights out. WLTm a man who would like to share some good times. Box 901027

TAKE IT AS RED-HEAD
Female, 51, 5'6", attractive, redhead, green eyes, seeking professional, male soulmate, 45-55. West Kent. Box 477686

COUNTING ON YOU
Lonely, honest lady, 52, enjoy walks, cycling, travel, WLTm sociable gent to share interests and possibly leading to LTR. Box 399420

NEED COMPANY
Blonde female, 54, 5'15, cuddly, seeking friendship, with someone who can make me laugh. Fed up of being alone. Smardham Box 433682

DIG DEEPER
Canterbury lady, 56, recently divorced, looking for a genuine relationship. I like gardening, home life, going out, seeking a male companion. Box 428242

I DREAM OF DOMESTICITY!
Attractive, homely, caring 55yr old lady, 5'2", slim/medium build, GSOH, good conversationalist, looking for special person to share life's ups and downs with. Faversham. Box 406928

EFFERVESCENT ELEGANCE
Young-at-heart, lively, sociable lady, 56, 5'6", blue eyes, blonde, GSOH, WLTm understanding, down-to-earth gent, for company, maybe romance. Box 403745

NOT ASKING FOR MUCH
Fun loving, bubbly, tactile lady, 50s, enjoys the good life, holidays and cosy nights in, I'm voluptuous & looking for a real man. Box 903560

PLANT THE SEEDS
Classy, intelligent, divorced, attractive lady, 59, slim & active; enjoys travel, walking holidays, sport, gardening. WLTm sincere, intelligent gentleman initially for friendship, maybe more. Box 910138

NEW FOUNDATIONS
Solvent, cuddly female, 59, 5'1", love the countryside, foreign travel, seeks happy, solvent male, 50s-62, for affection and TLC. Box 394179

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT
Widowed woman, 61, no ties, positive outlook, kind nature with GSOH, like the usual things and would like to find a male counterpart. Box 431210

KEEPEE DANCING!
Brunette lady, 61, looking for a LTR, friendship first, any age considered. Interests: dancing walking, socialising, cuddling! Margate. Box 432246

EXPERIENCE ALL THAT'S BEST
Divorced lady, 61, N/S, medium build, loves movies, classic music, comedy, restaurants, cooking, gardening, reading, driving, seeks tactile man, for something special. Box 424898

LADY IN WAITING
Cuddly, loving lady, 64, who loves nice conversations, staying in, winning/dining, loves animals, gardening, WLTm considerate, faithful gent for companionship. Box 427579

TAKE MY BREATH AWAY
Very caring, young at heart, black lady, 63, varied interests, GSOH seeking a N/S, caring gentleman, 58-69, to share happy times. Box 424122

INTERESTED?
Spirited guy, 67, dark hair, brown eyes, enjoy football, WLTm broad-minded young lady. Box 415892

DELIGHTFUL DARREN
Darren, 38, loving, caring and trustworthy, 5'18, medium build, enjoys most things in life, seeks fun loving lady, to enjoy life with. Box 434234

BRIGHTER DAYS
Divorced male, 38, 5'10, blue eyes, no ties, likes motorsport, the gym, country pubs, wine bars, cycling, seeks spontaneous, fun woman for fun/laughter. Box 434217

FANCY THIS
Jason, 38, 5'18, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cycling, seeks genuine female for friendship, good times. Box 433326

MAKING SWEET MUSIC
Romantic male, 38, 6'11, blue eyes, medium/muscular build, enjoys socialising, cosy nights in, music, looking for a loving, fun-filled female for happiness. Box 433795

SPORTS MAD
Single male, 39 years old, 2 sons, very interested in all kinds of sports, seeking a lovely lady. Box 899774

LIKE TO HAVE FUN
Fit 50 year old male, looking for ladies of all ages for fun and friendship, I'm fit with good looks and physique with GSOH. Box 900426

A SPARKLE
Hi, I'm a down-to-earth male, 40, 5'7, medium build, green eyes, loves outdoors, sports, beach walks etc, WLTm an outgoing female for good times. Box 899004

DON'T DELAY, CALL TODAY
Attractive, independent, professional male, 40, OHAC, loves wine/dining, the sun, holidays, cinema, seeks occasionally, seeking a fun, sincere, loving female, to enjoy each others company. Box 434103

INDIAN GUY
Hi, I'm a relaxed, hard-working male, enjoy driving out, cinema, meals out, looking for my soulmate for fun times and companionship. Box 433353

COULD WE BE MAGIC?
Single male, 40 years old, 5'14, medium build, dark hair, brown eyes, looking for a bubbly, adventurous female, who's fun to be with. Box 433540

GAZ AUTOMATIC!
Hi, I'm Gary, 40yr old male, 5'11", muscular, tall, dark hair, enjoys most sports, looking for lady to share the finer things in life. Box 430142

TWO'S COMPANY
Thoughtful male, 41, 6'11, shaved head, blue eyes, medium to stocky build, looking for a caring female to share good times. Box 899053

FUN-LOVING AND EASYGOING
Great guy, young looking, 42, no ties, I'm 5'17, stocky build, fit, short hair/hazel eyes, been called handsome! I'm sporty, a non-smoker and enjoy holidays. Box 431226

OH YES
Simon, 53, 6'2", love the good times, like intelligent conversations, like going out, live bands, WLTm a cheerful, sociable female. Box 431425

SHINE TOGETHER
Slim male, 42, 5'11, genuine, reliable, N/S, likes all the usual things in life, WLTm genuine, down-to-earth lady, for friendship, dates, relationship. Gillingham area Box 425419

CUDDLE UP
Big and kind-hearted, I'm 22, large build, 6'14, into cycling and swimming, cinema, restaurants, cosy nights in, WLTm women between 20-30 for friendship and more... Box 898855

SPORTS MAD
Hard-working male, 5'10, brown hair/eyes, looking for a quiet, down-to-earth female, who enjoys sports and going out. Box 434255

ANIMAL LOVER
Friendly chap with a lot of love to give, I'm fun-loving, 26yrs old, looking for a fun, outgoing girl, who likes to have a laugh. Box 900321

TOP OF THE TOWER
Sweet guy, 31, 5'18, athletic build, looking for a possible long term relationship, or fun dates out. Box 898885

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL
32yr old down-to-earth, happy-go-lucky, considerate male, looking for a lively female to share happy moments with. Box 434229

A LOVE SUPREME
Caring, honest and genuine male, with a good heart, 34, love eating out, country pubs, uncomplicated, looking for someone with similar qualities. Box 900141

EXPLOSIVE PERSONALITY
Wicked sense of humour, old romantic, likes cycling, walking, live music, club/pubs. Sound good? I'm male, 35, seeking lady for friendship possibly more. Ramsgate Box 908588

REAL MAN
36yr old honest, kind, caring, single male, blond, 6'11, like walks, cinema, nights in/out, enjoy family life, WLTm like-minded, genuine female. Box 430440

R U 4 ME?
Down to earth and loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company & conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917

FINALLY FOUND YOU
Good-looking male 35, 5'8", no ties, enjoys pubs, restaurants, holidays, bowling, theme parks and more, seeks petite female, to share good times with. Ashford Box 198029

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ROMANTIC AT HEART
Steve, 43, brown hair, green eyes, loves country pubs/walks, cosy nights in, swimming, GSOH, N/S, 5'17, seeks similar, loving lady. Medway Box 901155

BIG DEAL IN DEAL
Warm, tactile male, 42, 6'11, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like-minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967

LET'S CONNECT
Reliable, thoughtful, professional male, 42, 6'2", dark hair, hazel eyes, GSOH, enjoys music, sports, cinema, meals out, WLTm like-minded, attractive female for friendship, possibly more. Box 397492

IRISH EYES ARE SMILING
Sincere, stocky southern Irish guy, skin-head, no ties, 43, enjoys motor racing, pubs, cinema, the good life, discos, seeks lady to share life. Kent. Box 417532

TWOS COMPANY
Michael, 43, 5'18, medium build, dark hair/eyes, hardworking, likes cooking, sports, disco, walks, seeks similar female for good company. Box 427395

TRY ANYTHING ONCE
Caring, understanding, honest 43 year old male, enjoys walks, swimming, reading, seeking a 45-55 year old lady. Chatham Box 429701

SUCCESSFUL AND SINGLE
Good looking male, 42, 6'2", well built, muscular, fit, enjoys cars, motorbikes, golf, rugby, socialising, travel, seeks female for friendship, leading to serious relationship. Box 158489

ON YOUR MARKS...
Tall, fun-loving, good-looking former athlete, 44, lived in USA many years, likes music, sports cars, looking for dark haired or exotic lady, GSOH, for LTR. Ashford Box 430121

MIX 'N MATCH
Young-at-heart 44yr old male, blond hair, blue eyes, easygoing nature, likes eating out, music, cinema etc, WLTm adventurous, witty, fit female for possible LTR. Box 432940

LOVE AND RESPECT ON OFFER
Honest, sincere, reliable male, 44, 5'17, medium build, likes sports, music, beach walks, country pubs. Box 433914

CATCH A FALLING STAR
44-year-old man, interests include socialising, days out, keeping fit, days out, seeking a caring, honest female, to share fun times. Box 433992

GO FOR IT
Michael, 44, fair hair, blue eyes, no ties, likes travelling, pubs, socialising, driving, seeks down-to-earth female for friendship and more. Box 434111

RING MY BELL
45yr old thoughtful, reliable

Southern India on the menu at new curry house

BY SIMON ROBINSON

GAPS in the market are few and far between.

With that in mind, if you ever have a eureka moment and dream up a revolutionary new product, the chances are your brainwave has either already been invented and mass produced, or it is an incredibly ridiculous idea.

All of which makes the emergence of the Coco Diner more mind boggling.

The restaurant, next to Gala Bingo in Chatham high street, is Kent's first southern Indian restaurant.

While hundreds if not thousands of eateries have popped up across the county offering tikka massala's and vindaloo's, not one has thought of bringing the curry-loving English public a taste of some of India's finest dishes.

Specialist

Enter Jinu Mathew, the restaurant's proprietor and front of house specialist.

Mr Mathew said: "I have been working in the restaurant and catering field in London and India for the last decade. During all this period I noticed the misapprehensions in the Indian food scenario in the UK.

"In the last half-century curry has become more traditionally English than English breakfast.

"But until recently, all the available dishes were based on a couple of sauces, alternatively spiced up with chillies or cooled down with yoghurt.

"The resulting concoctions are more often than not devoid of any relationship with food as eaten in India.

"This sparked the concept of Coco Diner,

where we are earnestly trying to reproduce authentic and healthy southern Indian delicacies that are almost alien to your tongue."

As much as I wanted to protest at the notion of being sold on the food equivalent of watered-down beer, the facts were all there.

I, like the majority of humble English folk, have been brought up on 'Indian' food, namely poppadums, curry, naan bread and pilau rice.

The Coco Diner takes things much further. Drawing on the slow-cooking method of the southern states of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, the cuisine is non-greasy and is free of any unnatural colourings.

The chefs use a mix of coconut and a combination of spices to give each dish the unique southern flavour, which can be differentiated from any other region in India.

Highlights on the menu include starter Erachi Cutlet, made up of minced lamb cutlets made with mashed cassava, chopped onions, coriander and mint and coated with breadcrumbs.

Mains include Kori Gashi, a chicken breast dish sautéed in a paste of coconut and spices with fenugreek seeds, cinnamon and cumin, and Masala Dosa, a paper-thin rice pancake sandwiched with a filling of spicy potato.

Two of the top breads to enjoy are Parotta, cooked on a griddle with plain flour dough with milk and egg, and Uthappam, a circular-shaped rice pancake with onion and tomato topping.

Mr Mathew said: "Southern Indian cuisine is an unsung saga mostly due to its complexity and diversity.

"Though each of the four states in the south has its own exotic cuisine, they have some unique regional and religious delicacies.

"Our aim is to convey our passion for

Pictures: SIMON ROBINSON



SPICY TREAT: Coco Diner in Chatham high street is opened by the mayor and mayoress



southern Indian cuisine in a way that gives customers a perspective on our quest for perfect ingredients, technique and a deep-seated desire to continue learning and evolving through old traditions and modern presentation."

Coco is open from Tuesday to Sunday. Call 01634 842489 or visit www.cocodiner.co.uk for more details.

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Medway Campus, Rowan Williams Court, 30 Pembroke Court, Chatham Maritime. Wednesday 19th December 2007.

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BIRTHS

BASTABLE
Steve and Vicky celebrate the birth of their daughter Libby Isabelle on 25th November at home in Deal. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

BENNETT
Dan and Nicola of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their second daughter, Phoebe Elizabeth Lucy Bennett on 2nd December 2007. A new baby sister for Millie.

BIRTWELL
Summer Louise Birtwell was born on the 21st November 2007. Daughter to Emma Clapson and Paul Birtwell. Little sister to Jake.

BONES
Billy born on 11th November 2007, Weighing 7lb 4oz. Son to Christopher and Lynda Bones in Broadstairs.

COLE
Bethanie born on 20th November 2007, weighing 8lb 11oz. Daughter to Anneliese Hay and Richard Cole in Margate.

DALE
Libby born on 22nd November 2007, weighing 7lb 9oz. Daughter to Andrew and Karen Dale of Sandwich.

DI LERNIA
Rino and Anna of Herne Bay are very delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Giulia Di Lerna, on 1st December 2007. A new baby sister for Liam.

DIGBY
Mark and Emma Digby of Pembury celebrate the birth of their son Daniel James Digby on 21st November 2007.

DOBSON
To Michael and Laura of Herne Bay a beautiful daughter, Millie Summer Doreen Dobson, born on 29th November 2007.

DRAPER
Rachel and Michelle are delighted to announce the birth of their son Charles Richard Thomas on 19th November 2007. A brother for Grace.

EASTWOOD
Rachel and Timothy of Staple celebrate the birth of their son Samuel William on 22nd November 2007.

FORD
To Mark and Lorayne of Herne Bay a beautiful daughter, Emily Beatrice, born on 14th November 2007. A new baby sister for Jamie.

GIBB
Joshua born on 11th November 2007, weighing 6lbs 11oz. Son to Kevin and Rina in Gravesend.

GRAY
Nick, Charlotte and Mia celebrate the birth of Eva Siena born on 20th November 2007 weighing 7lb 5oz.

HADAWAY WEST
Hannah and James are delighted to vannounce the birth of their beautiful daughter Poppy Sufia born on 7th November 2007 at Pembury Hospital weighing 6lb 15oz.

HAYES-GOLDFINCH
Suzanna Bailey and Jamie Hayes-Goldfinch of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Joseph Hayes-Goldfinch on 20th November 2007.

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HEARN
Lois Lee Hearn born on the 24th November 2007, weighing 6lbs 3.5oz daughter to Georgia and Lee of Ashford.

HIBBETT
Lesley Joy born on 23rd November 2007, weighing 7lb 1oz. Daughter of Stephen and Tracey Hibbett at Pembury Hospital.

HUMPHREY
Amy Grace born on the 12th November 2007. Daughter of John and Louise of Lenham. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

JEFFORD-LEACH
The most precious gift of a daughter born to Tammy and Billy on 16th November 2007.

KERRIGAN
Jimmy and Maxine of Whitstable are proud to announce the birth of their second son, Rian Thomas James, on 23rd November 2007. A new baby brother for Fionn.

LANGMAID
Neil and Tamsin of Faversham are proud to announce the birth of their son, Finn Isaac Langmaid, on 20th November 2007.Finn weighed 6lb 7oz.

LAW
Rod Law and Emma Dyer of Tenterden celebrate the birth of their son Harry on the 23rd November 2007, weighing 10lb 11oz.

LEE
Caroline and Hyunho celebrate the birth of their beautiful daughter Eleanor Maria on 23rd November 2007. A baby sister to Alex.

LUKEHURST
Ali and Nick of Dover are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Isobel Enid, on 21st November 2007. Isobel weighed 9lb 8oz.

MOORE-VALENTINE
Crystal born on 20th November 2007, weighing 6lbs 6oz. Daughter to Stacy and Harry in Margate. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

MORGAN
Darren and Toni are delighted to announce the birth of their gorgeous little boy Leighton John on 21st November 2007 weighing 7lb 4oz.

ROBERTS
Henry born on 1st December 2007, weighing 8lbs 8oz. Son to Simon and Jane Roberts of Kings Hill.

SALTER
Paula and Justin are delighted to announce the birth of their son Harry-Jay on 4th December 2007 weighing 9lb 9oz. A brother for Chelsea and Tamzin.

SHERRING
Owen and Maria of Edenbridge are pleased to announce the Birth of their beautiful baby

daughter Leilah-Mae Elizabeth on the 5th November 2007 weighing 7lb 4oz, sister to Annabel.

SMITH
Jeremy and Sarah of Ash are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Evie Elizabeth, on 26th October 2007.

TAYLOR
Grace and Ross celebrate the birth of Bodhi Jason Taylor on the 23rd November 2007.

THWAITES
George born on the 22nd November 2007, weighing 6lb 12oz. Son to Shelley and George Thwaites in Ramsgate.

VLASAK
Danny and Julia are pleased to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Lydia Grace Magdalena, born on the 1st December 2007 weighing 9lb 1oz. Sister to Hannah and Sophie.

MARRIAGES

HALEY ALDERTON AND JAY LEADER
The marriage took place on Saturday 08 December 2007 at Shorncliffe House, Folkestone.

DEATHS

BANCE
Connie Bance formerly of East Malling passed away peacefully on 26th November 2007 aged 77.

BLAIR
Andrew Hastings Blair after suffering a long illness passed away on the 23rd November 2007 aged 81. Now at Peace.

BURR
Frank Langfield Burr of Faversham passed away peacefully on 24th November 2007.he will be sadly missed by all his friends and the staff at Kiln Court, Faversham.The funeral took place at St Peter and Paul, Boughton on December 5th 2007.

CROSS
Elizabeth May passed away unexpectedly but peacefully on 28th November 2007. Loving wife to Sidney, loving Mumsie to Adrian and Malcolm and much missed Nanna to six grand-children. In heaven now.

DROWLEY
Thelma Drowley passed away peacefully on 2nd December 2007 after a long illness. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at Charing Crematorium on Friday 14th December at 12.40 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Demelza House Childrens Hospice Appeal c/o High and Sons 1 Bayford Road Sittingbourne Tel 01795 472958.

ELKINS
Peggy (Margaret Elsie) Elkins of Herne Bay passed away peacefully on 29th November 2007. A loving wife,mum,nanny and great gran who will be very sadly missed.The funeral was held at Margate Crematorium on 7th December 2007.

HUBERT
Arthur William Hubert passed away on Monday 3rd December in Maidstone Hospital, after a short illness. All enquiries to Paul Rowland Funeral Directors.

JOHNSON
Frank Johnson of Boughton Monchelsea passed away Friday 30th November 2007. Funeral Boughton Church Monday 10th December 2.00pm.

JONES
Sybil Mary Jones died in Maidstone Hospital on 29th November 2007. Sadly missed by her niece Catherine, François , Don, Margaret and Debbie and friends. Funeral service to be held on Monday 10th December 2007 in Vinters Park Crematorium at 1.15pm.

LOTT
Trevor Lott of Maidstone died suddenly on 21st November 2007. Enquiries to Ladybirds Funeral Directors, Maidstone.

PACEY
Frank Pacey of High Halden near Ashford passed away on 24th November 2007. Enquiries to Fuggles in Tenterden 01580 763340. Beyond the gate you will find happiness and rest, and there is comfort in the thought that you remain close to us.

REVELL
Maureen Lucy Revell of Herne Bay passed away peacefully after a long illness on 4th December 2007.From your loving husband and family, still gorgeous and will always love you.Good night and God bless. Funeral to be held at Margate Crematorium on Friday 14th December at 12.40.

TAYLOR
Floss Taylor of Whitstable passed away peacefully on 27th November 2007 after a short illness. Loving wife of Bert, much loved mum to Derek, Anne, Carol and Mike and Nan to Claire.She will be sadly missed by everyone. Funeral to be held at Barham Crematorium on Monday 10th December 2007 at 2.40pm.

THOMPSON
Leonard William of Littlebourne passed away 3rd December 2007 aged 75 years much loved Husband Father and Grandad who will be greatly missed Funeral details from Lyons Canterbury.

WHITNEY
Maureen Julia passed away at home on 1st December 2007 aged 72. Service to be held at St Peter and Paul Church Aylesford on 12th December 2007 at 1pm and ther after at vinters Park Crematorium at 2pm.

WRETHAM
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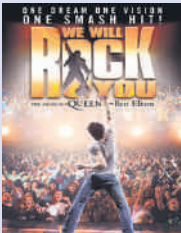
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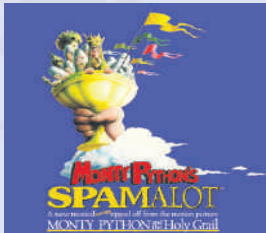
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PROPERTY NEWS

Agents join forces to help homeless

THE UK's estate agency industry is aiming to eradicate homelessness as it launches a new charitable organisation – the Estate Agency Foundation.

Homelessness continues to be a serious problem in the UK.

In 2006, 173,000 households were declared as homeless or living in unacceptable conditions. Meanwhile, on any one night there are about 700 rough sleepers on UK streets.

Peter Knight, chairman of Estate Agency Events, which founded the new body, said: "We desperately need to go right back to the roots of homelessness and work at eliminating the causes as well as helping those who are homeless.

This will take considerable resources, but I believe that by working as a collective we have a real opportunity to make changes."

Couples prove to be the most desirable

COUPLES are regarded as the most desirable tenants for landlords in the property investment sector, according to recent findings by the Mortgage Trust.

The survey also noted a sharp increase in the number of landlords looking to let to corporate tenants. This group is now being targeted by 27 per cent of landlords, compared with just 14.4 per cent in January.

Both groups are regarded as least likely to default on repayments.

Base rate reduction benefits customers

FOLLOWING last week's changes to the Bank of England base rate, the Co-operative Bank will be passing on the full benefit of the base rate reduction to its mortgage customers by cutting its standard variable rate (SVR) by 0.25 per cent to 7.49 per cent, with effect from January 1.

The Co-operative Bank also calculates interest on a daily basis and, unlike some other lenders, does not impose Higher Lending Charges (HLCs) on any products. For more details, visit www.co-operativebank.co.uk/mortgages.



DON'T DO IT: Tacky, over-the-top exterior decorations will spoil the first impression made by your house and can seriously impair the chances of a sale

Don't hide your home behind tacky decorations

■ BY NICK AMES

HOMEOWNERS looking to sell up this festive season should turn off the Christmas lights if they want to turn on the housing market.

According to recent research by industry analysts propertyfinder.com, many would-be sellers ruin the appeal of their homes with over-the-top exterior seasonal decorations.

A massive 76 per cent of home seekers said they would be put off buying a house which was over enthusiastically decorated while 36 per cent even said they would be put off buying a home if a nearby one was treated in the same way.

Only broken down vehicles outside the property were rated as more off putting.

Warren Bright, chief executive of the influential market experts, said: "Buying a home is

an emotive process, so first impressions are everything. An unappealing exterior definitely puts off buyers.

"At this time of year overenthusiastic adornment of properties is a real problem so sellers should beware.

"Outdoor Christmas lights are perceived as tacky and can cause prospective buyers to be put off the property – or even the whole area."

The survey found eight times as many people were worried about ostentatious exterior decorations as were worried about the interior.

However with the number of sellers expected to outweigh buyers in the coming weeks, the advice is to keep your interiors in pristine condition and ensure that any decorations you

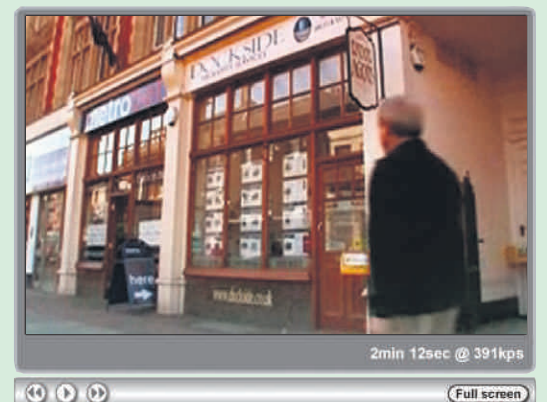
do put up are in keeping with the style of your home.

Mr Bright said: "Competition among sellers is going to be rife over the next couple of months and my top tip is to avoid bold statements. Prospective buyers like to see a neutral décor on which they could stamp their own identity. Christmas is no exception to this rule and decking your home with colourful flashing lights and tinsel is a big no.

"If you have a period property opt for traditional decorations in warm colours such as reds and golds, a modern home can accommodate sharper lines and cooler colours such as silver and blue. If you have a warehouse flat you should go for minimal decorations.

"Sellers need to know what type of buyer their property would appeal to and tailor their Christmas decorations accordingly."

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SALES



Crow Corner, Rochester £127,500 LH

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Reed Street, Cliffe £129,000 LH

A ground floor, two double bedroom apartment located within the sought after village of Cliffe. The apartment offers a modern interior with a kitchen, bathroom and spacious reception. Benefits also include double glazing throughout, gas central heating, a rear garden and driveway. The property is currently let for £595pcm and the vendor is offering the sale as 'chain free'.



Chaucer Road, Gillingham £138,000 FH

As sole agents, Dockside Property Services are pleased to offer this three bedroom property located in the popular 'Poets Corner' area in Gillingham. This property offers spacious living with a 25ft reception room, kitchen (both with access to rear garden) and bathroom. The rear garden has decking and a grass area. Viewings can be arranged now.



King Edward Road, Chatham £189,995 FH

This spacious two/three bedroomed property provides a large living and dining area some 26ft, kitchen, bathroom and cellar with access to the garden, as well as sanded bare floorboards throughout some rooms. We think the rear garden is delightful and this end of terrace home must be viewed. Ideally located within walking distance of Chatham Train Station offering direct links to London.



Maidstone Road, Chatham £415,000 FH

This large detached, four bedroom period property is located in the desirable Maidstone Road in Chatham. Ideally located for sought after schools and commuter access to London via the train station, this property spans over three levels with a reception, dining room, fully fitted kitchen, separate study with ensuite facilities and family bathroom. The garden is spacious and the front of the property provides parking for several cars on the gravelled driveway.

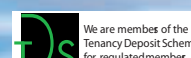


Phalarope Way, St Marys Island £439,950 FH

A four double bedroom, detached house located in the 'Fishing Village' on St Marys Island and within close walking distance to the river Medway providing an attractive setting. Offering two receptions, three bathrooms and a terrace, this property also boasts a spacious garden, additional mezzanine level and garage with driveway. The location offers easy accessibility to shops and commuter links to London.

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GILLINGHAM £280,000

Four bedroom semi detached home situated over four levels. Comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, utility, study, two other rooms, shower room and bathroom. Gas heating, double glazing approx 140' rear garden.



UPCHURCH OIEO £600,000

Detached Barn Conversion comprising two lounges, bathroom, downstairs WC, kitchen, four bedrooms, master with en-suite and dressing room, study, playroom. Approx 80ft x 80ft L-Shape Rear Garden, Swimming Pool.



RAINHAM £79,995

A one bedroom park home, comprising bedroom, study, bathroom, kitchen/diner, lounge, gas central heating system, internal viewing highly recommended.



ROCHESTER £117,000

Two bedroom ground floor flat. The property consists of lounge/diner, kitchen and two double bedrooms. There are Communal gardens and a garage en bloc.



WALDESLADE £195,000

Three bedroom semi-detached family home. This property is well presented and benefits from an open plan ground floor. There is an enclosed rear garden and off road parking for several cars.



GILLINGHAM OIEO £190,000

Three bedroom mid terrace home. Comprising lounge, kitchen/diner and bathroom. Features include a gas fired central heating system, double glazing (where stated) and a garage (currently being used as a gym/bar).



WALDESLADE £179,995

Three bedroom mid terrace home. Comprising lounge, kitchen/diner and 1st floor bathroom. Features include a central heating system and a garage en bloc.



HEMPSTEAD £349,995

A four bedroom detached home. Comprising lounge, dining area, kitchen, utility, conservatory, master bedroom with en-suite shower room and balcony, three further bedrooms, family bathroom, garage, parking.



MARSHALL ROAD £242,500

Three bedroom semi detached home. Comprising lounge, dining area, kitchen, downstairs WC, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway parking, garage, garden in excess 150', NO FORWARD CHAIN.



CHATHAM OIEO £215,000

Three bedroom EOT house with garage and driveway. The property benefits from a modern kitchen and bathroom and has a rear garden. This family home is sure to create a lot of interest, so call now for your appointment to view!



BURHAM £150,000

Two bedroom terrace house in village location. The property consists of a lounge/diner, kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms and rear garden. The property also benefits from gas central heating and double glazing.



GILLINGHAM £177,000

Three separate bedroom end of terrace home. Comprising entrance porch, lounge, dining room, kitchen and 1st floor bathroom. Features include a central heating system, double glazing and an allocated parking space.



GILLINGHAM £150,000

Three bedroom terrace home. Comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility area, ground floor wc and 1st floor bathroom. Features include a central heating system and double glazing (where stated).



RAINHAM £219,995

Three bedroom semi detached family home. Comprising lounge, dining room, open plan kitchen, conservatory, cloakroom, three bedrooms, family bathroom, gas central heating system, front & rear garden, garage.



PARKWOOD £164,995

Two bedroom terraced home. Comprising entrance porch, lounge, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, rear garden, located in a cul de sac.



ROCHESTER OIEO £170,000

Two bedroom apartment with parking. This property consists of lounge/diner, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom. There are two balconies providing views of the River Medway and Rochester Castle.



ROCHESTER £249,995

Three bedroom semi-detached house. This property consists of lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom. There are front and rear gardens with a driveway providing off road parking.



GILLINGHAM £105,000

Two bedroom 2nd floor flat. Comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen and bathroom. Features include double glazing.



GILLINGHAM £169,995

Three bedroom end of terrace home. Comprising lounge/diner, kitchen, cellar, bathroom and 1st floor cloakroom. Gas heating, double glazing. Conveniently situated for Gillingham Town Centre and M25. NO CHAIN.



RAINHAM £130,000

A two bedroom mid terraced property, comprising lounge, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, two bedrooms, cellar. In Need of Refurbishment.



RAINHAM £149,995

A refurbished two bedroom end of terrace. Comprising lounge, kitchen, shower room, two bedrooms, gas central heating system, rear garden, cellar, links to local mainline train station and shops. No forward chain.



ROCHESTER OIEO £180,000

Three bedroom semi-detached house. This property benefits from lounge, kitchen/diner, utility room, bathroom and three bedrooms. There is an enclosed rear garden and off road parking to the front.



ROCHESTER £239,500

A detached family home situated on a corner plot. This property consists of Three double bedrooms, family bathroom, lounge/diner, kitchen/breakfast room and a garage.

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MOTORS NEWS



Chrysler dealer's offer of All-Star Weekends

DUTTON Forshaw Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge at Broad Oak Road, Canterbury is running a test drive promotion that could win one lucky motorist a car worth up to £30,000.

All-Star Weekends runs until December 31 and dealer principal Lynne Kennard said it highlighted a wide range of cars sold by the dealership.

"From MPVs (pictured – Chrysler PT Cruiser), family saloons and executive estates to compact SUVs and full-size 4x4s," she said.

Lynne added that savings of up to £2,000 are available on some models, while a day's free off-roading and driver training is on offer to anyone buying a car from her dealership this weekend.



'New Jaguar' styling now given to X-Type

A RADICAL new mid range Jaguar, the XF model arriving in the spring, has meant some re-working for other models in the line-up.

The big XJ saloon has already had some tweaks and now it is the turn of the baby of the range, the X-Type saloon and estate.

The 2008 version has a bold single mesh grille plus new bumper and lower air intakes and an uprated interior, plus the new option to twin the acclaimed 2.2-litre diesel with a six-speed auto gearbox.



Insignia is new face of Vauxhall's old favourite

VAUXHALL has released the above picture to build interest ahead of replacing the Vectra next summer and renaming it Insignia.

The new label will also be packaged with a move upmarket for this key model, recognising that Vauxhall must now do battle with German executive cars as well as fending off its old sparring partner, the Ford Mondeo. Ominously, Ford has already taken the same step with the all-new Mondeo launched to acclaim and booming sales earlier in 2007.



GROWING UP FAST: Despite being launched only three years ago the Picanto is Kia's oldest car and has been given a makeover putting it at the forefront of value and reliability

Picanto makeover shows Kia has high ambitions

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BY STEVE LOADER

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This model was chosen for the new-look car's debut – the 'base' Picanto, Picanto 2 (from £6,795) and Picanto 3 flagship (£7,995) are not with us until January – and looks unbeatable at the price for driving quality and economy with five doors plus decent spec with air-conditioning.

Despite compact dimensions and, therefore, a necessarily short wheelbase, the Picanto delivers a decent ride and drive.

With just 64bhp from the mainstay 1.1-litre engine, it is never going to be a ball of fire – it takes 15 seconds to hit 60mph – but the car's average of 50-plus mpg is far more relevant in this class.

Those seeking even better economy will be interested in the January's £5,995 entry model; the Picanto pure and simple has a 61bhp 1.0-litre engine capable of averaging nearly 60mpg and runs on smaller 13-inch wheels for lower rolling resistance.

With further weight-saving measures such as having just four seats, this has brought that model's emissions down to just 117gms/km – good enough to get into the vehicle excise duty band-B and qualify for exemption under proposed London congestion charge revisions.



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2000	X*	Agila	12	5	Flame red	41,550	£2,650	2001	Y*	Zafira Comfort	1.6	5	Star Silver	54,400	£4,795
2005	05	Corsa Breeze	1.0	5	Silver lightening	34,825	£5,495	2003	03*	Zafira Club	1.6	5	Mirage	65,650	£5,195
2006	06	Corsa Life	1.0	5	Misty grey	27,250	£5,495	2006	06	Zafira Design CDTi Auto	1.9D	5	Black sapphire	16,890	£13,995
2006	06	Corsa Design	1.2	5	Ultra blue	24,575	£6,695	OTHER MAKES							
2006	56	Corsa Sxi CDTi	1.3D	3	Star silver	6,923	£7,995	2003	53*	Renault Scenic Fidji	1.4	5	Silver	36,400	£4,650
2006	56	Corsa Active	1.2	3	Silver	2,100	£7,695	2004	04*	Ford Focus Zetec Climate	1.8	5	Black	28,800	£6,150
2006	56	Corsa Sxi+ A/c	1.2	3	Flame red	3,750	£7,495	DUE SOON							
2006	56	Corsa Sxi +	1.4	3	Star silver	2,080	£7,495	2003	03	Corsa Active	1.0	3	Ultra blue	29,000	£4,495
2006	56	Corsa Sxi +	1.4	3	Ultra blue	5,500	£7,495	2003	53	Corsa Active	1.0	3	Flame red	20,000	£4,995
2006	56	Corsa Design	1.2	3	Star silver	6,200	£7,295	2005	05	Corsa Life	1.0	3	Spearment silver	9,000	£4,995
2007	56	Corsa Sxi +	1.4	5	Black sapphire	3,310	£7,995	2005	05	Corsa Energy	1.0	5	Flame red	13,000	£5,695
2007	56	Corsa Sxi +	1.4	3	Silver lightening	3,250	£7,795	2007	07	New Corsa Club Auto	1.4	5	Star silver	8,500	£9,995
VECTRA								2003	03	Vectra LS	1.8	5	Bamboo	46,000	£5,195
2002	52*	Vectra SRi	2.2	5	Star Silver	50,800	£5,295	2004	04	Vectra Life	1.6	5	Moonland	20,000	£6,995
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2007	07	Vectra Exclusiv	1.8	5	Ultra blue	2,500	£10,995	2004	04	Signum Elegance Auto	2.2	5	Silver	35,000	£8,695
2007	07	Vectra CDTi Exclusiv Est	1.9	5	Metro blue	12,050	£13,995	DEMONSTRATORS							
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SIGNUM								2007	07	Combo	1.3 CDTi		White	13,600	£7,995+VAT
2003	03*	Signum Elegance	2.2	5	Oyster	50,375	£6,995	2007	07	Astravan	1.3 CDTi		White	Delivery	£7,995+VAT
2005	55	Signum Exclusive	2.2	5	Grey	33,100	£9,995	2006	56	Movano	2.5 CDTi LWB		Silver	3,000	£14,350+VAT
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ASTRA								PRE REG VEHICLES							
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2003	03*	Astra Active	1.6	5	Flame red	76,300	£3,695	2006	56	Astravan	1.3 CDTi Club		White	Delivery	£7,495+VAT
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Driving appeal	★★★★★
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Driving appeal	★★★★★
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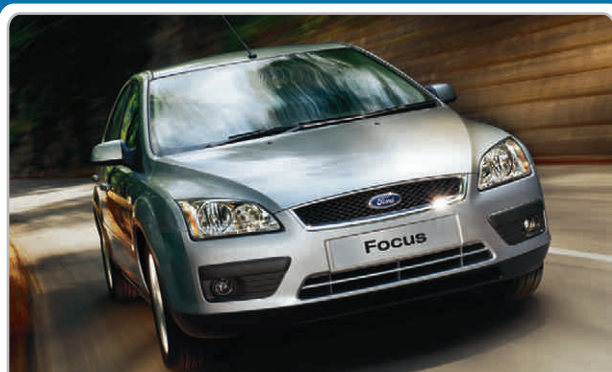
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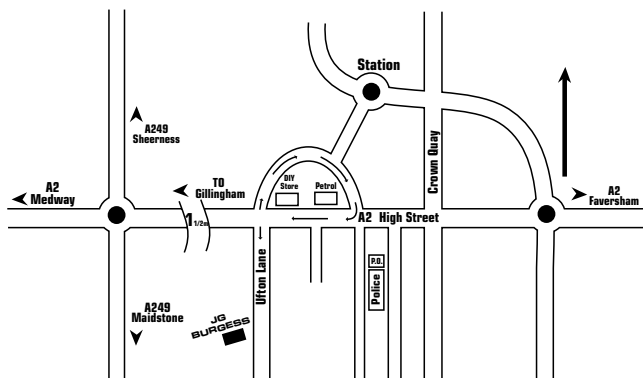
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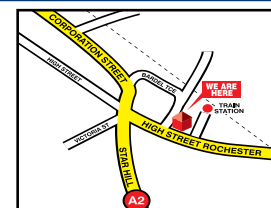
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Hi-tech crime is given low priority, says forum

BUSINESS leaders in computer security have criticised the Government's efforts to tackle online crime.

Members of the Corporate IT Forum, a body of information technology experts, have complained that, since a Government reshuffle of police units, e-crime against companies has been on the increase.

Since the National High Tech Crime Unit was incorporated into the Serious Organised Crime Unit in 2006, local police forces have been given the job of dealing with complex online crimes – a task that security experts say they are under-trained and under resourced to deal with.

David Roberts, chief executive of the Corporate IT Forum, said the resources allocated by the Home Office to tackle electronic crimes were not sufficient.

"It's a practical nonsense," said Mr Roberts.

"You can imagine the response an IT officer would get reporting a complex attack at their local police station – how is your local PC going to cope?"

"It's a damning indictment of how little the Home Office understands 21st-century hi-tech crime."

The criticism comes after a series of security breaches involving Government information systems, the most serious of which was the loss by HM Revenue and Customs of computer disks containing the personal details about 25 million child benefit claimants.

Wheels on the bus set to keep going round

BUS company Stagecoach, which operates services across the county, has reported a nine per cent increase its half-year profits and says that the long-term future for public transport prospects remain positive.

Pre-tax profits rose to £84.6m in the six months to October 31, with revenues up to £821m.

Stagecoach said increasing car congestion and a growing focus on environmental issues would help to attract more passengers to its services, which also include trains.

The company said it planned to spend £71m on 584 new buses across the UK in the immediate future.

Poor are victims of exploitation

By **NICK AMES**

ENERGY companies are exploiting some of society's poorest people, according to an industry watchdog – which has accused them of being "morally bankrupt".

Customers with pre-payment meters are paying hundreds of pounds each year more than those with access to cheaper tariffs.

The meters are most frequently used by people who do not have a bank account and can incur costs of more than £300 above the normal annual rates for electricity and gas.

Meanwhile, those who can pay by direct debit can save almost £200 a year on set fees, says Energywatch.

Chief executive Allan Asher said: "That they should ramp up the rates and exploit those with no access to alternative payment methods is morally bankrupt."

Industry regulator Ofgem said companies looked to install the meters when a customer had problems paying bills.

They are most common in rented accommodation and nationally there are 3.5 million electricity meters and 2.2 million gas ones.

Energywatch has also discovered the numbers being installed are soaring year by year, with some 580,000 new ones set up last year.

The group claims the industry is making close to £300 million a year in revenue from customers on the pre-payment meters.

Recent figures reveal that between 2003 and 2006 gas bills rose by a staggering 94 per cent and electricity costs by 60 per cent.

Last year saw the average home charges top £1,000 for the first time.

Mr Asher said: "Consumers without internet or banking facilities are excluded from better deals. These figures show that the welcome actions by some suppliers to combat fuel



EXPENSIVE: Pre-pay meters are said to be costing users up to £300 a year more than regular energy customers

poverty are offset by the extra costs and poorer service inflicted on those forced into prepayment charges.

"Another industry where the poor are exploited is the personal credit market, where poorer people are forced to pay much higher rates of interest. Energy companies, who are providing essential-for-life services, should take no comfort from such a comparison."

But the body representing suppliers defended the use of the meters saying they gave cus-

tomers more control over the amount of energy they use.

Duncan Sedgwick, chief executive of the Energy Retail Association, said equalising tariffs would be "a blunt instrument to tackle a much more complex issue".

He claimed the real issue was how best to look after the interests of poor and vulnerable consumers, and a raft of measures were in place to do this, including grants for free insulation and financial help for those in debt.



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Candice goal run continues

CANDICE Forward continued her amazing feat of scoring in every league game so far this season, when she scored a brace in Holcombe ladies' 3-2 victory over Canterbury 2nd XI.

Forward has scored 29 in 13 games for the Gillingham side and it was her goals on Saturday that helped set up the hard-fought win against Canterbury.

Louise Cassey scored Holcombe's other goal to keep the side's 100 per cent start to the season and puts them a massive 11 points ahead of second place side, Sudbury.

Holcombe go into the Christmas break sitting pretty at the top of the East Women's Premier League and looking to continue their good form into next year.

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Action from an exciting clash for the Invicta Dynamos at Gillingham Ice Rink

Czech comp was Medway triumph

A TEAM of table tennis players returned to Medway victorious after a successful competition in the Czech Republic.

A squad of 13 players from the Howard Table Tennis Centre travelled to Libeznice near Prague to play against Bohemian league players.

The competition was a return match following the visit of Czech players to Medway and Sittingbourne last year.

Matches were played on four tables with the Medway players winning overall by a score of 25 games to 21. The outstanding achievement of the day was Martin Hewett's victory over the highest-ranked player in the Prague district.

Steve Waud, who manages the Howard Table Tennis Centre in Gillingham, said: "It was a really close fought match which was played in an excellent spirit. We were pleased to come away with the win and are now looking forward to welcoming the Czech team back to Medway."

The Czech club is due to return to Medway in April 2009.



DIFFICULT DECISION: Former Nigeria international defender Efe Sodje will decide this week whether to have an operation on a fractured eye socket sustained at Yeovil Town last month

Despite injury and loss Stimson upbeat

FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Gillingham 1 Port Vale 2

is not threatened by the injury itself, another impact in the same area could have serious consequences.

Even if Sodje decides to avoid the operation, he will still have to rest for at least another three weeks before he can start training.

The good news for Stimson is Ian Cox, who has also been out with an injury since the Yeovil game, may be fit to return for Saturday's trip to Bournemouth.

The game becomes more important for Gills after they lost their long unbeaten home record against Port Vale on Saturday.

The game was played in dreadful conditions as the players had to contend with an icy wind and heavy rain for much of the match.

The high point for the home fans came on 32 minutes when Stuart Thurgood found Adam Miller in space on the halfway line and the midfielder threaded a precise through-ball to Chris Dickson.

The on-loan striker, playing his final game at Priestfield before returning to Charlton Athletic later this month, made no mistake with a superb finish.

But within a minute Vale levelled and before the break Simon King put through his own net for the decisive goal.

Despite losing his first home game, Gills boss Mark Stimson was upbeat about his side's performance.

He said: "I'm disappointed because we have got beat and frustrated because over the 90 minutes we probably deserved something from the game."

"The big thing were the conditions – you have to play to them sometimes and at certain times we didn't."

"We are still some way from where I want us to be but we are going in the right direction."

EFE Sodje will decide this week whether to have an operation on the eye injury which has kept him out of the side for almost a month.

The centre-back fractured an eye socket in the defeat at Yeovil Town last month and has been unable to train since. Now Gills boss Mark Stimson has revealed Sodje has to make a difficult decision which could affect the rest of his career.

He said: "Unfortunately he is going to have to make a decision whether he is going to have an operation or not because it is quite serious. He is going to make the decision this week whether he is going to have it or not, so he will be out for a considerable amount of time."

"There's a possibility that over time the eye could drop but [the doctors] can't give him a timescale – it could be a month, a year, five years, so it is quite a big decision to make. If he doesn't have it there is some form of mask that might be able to help him protect it."

While the 35-year-old has been told his career



PERFECT: Two wins last weekend kept up Invicta Dynamos' 100 per cent league record

Invicta skate home a win

ICE HOCKEY

Invicta Dynamos 14 Slough Hawks 3

COMFORTABLE back-to-back wins against Slough Hawks and Basingstoke Buffalo enhanced Invicta Dynamos' credentials for the regular season title in the ENIHL South B.

The two results lifted the Mos from fourth to second in the table, with four games in hand on leaders Bracknell Hornets.

On Sunday, the Dynamos welcomed Slough to the Gillingham Ice Bowl, hoping for a repeat of the 15-2 win they inflicted on the Hawks last month.

But in the first period the hosts could not dominate and the Hawks took advantage of some sloppy defending to score three times and

only trail 5-3 at the first break.

The Mos tightened up their defence once play resumed and ran riot up front, bagging nine goals in the final two periods to cruise to victory. Ken Forshee was particularly impressive and deservedly won the man-of-the-match award.

The one sour note came with a fight at the start of the third period which saw Matt Drake receive a one-match ban.

A day earlier, Invicta needed to

play well to overcome a tough Buffalo team in Hampshire.

The visitors led 1-0 after a tight first period but as the game wore on they gradually began to dictate the play. Anthony Leone scored a hat-trick which helped them leapfrog Buffalo with a 7-0 win.

Again a Dynamos player received a one-match ban, with Tim Smith penalised for a check to an opponent's head. The penalty forced the defender to sit out the win against the Hawks.

Invicta take on the Bracknell Hornets in a top-of-the-table clash on Sunday. The last time the two sides met was in the ENIHL Cup in October, when the Mos won 10-2.

Nervy Chat's hold on for crucial win

FOOTBALL

BY YOURMEDWAY REPORTER

Chatham Town 3 Molesey 2

CHATHAM Town almost threw away a 3-0 lead for the second time in three weeks, but despite conceding twice in the last five minutes they hung on to give Steve Binks his first win in charge.

A first half brace from top scorer Darren Smith put the hosts in charge and Ross Finn added another just after the break to put the Chats into a commanding lead, but they had to survive a late scare to record only their second home win in the league this season.

Binks, who began his second spell at the club with a 3-3 draw at Horsham YMCA four days earlier, was pleased with the points, but unhappy with the last few minutes.

He said: "For 85 minutes we were absolutely flying and to then concede a couple of late goals put a real dampener on it.

Confidence

"But considering the conditions were absolutely atrocious we played some excellent football – I can't fault the attitude and desire of the players.

"Three points, plus a point away on Tuesday, is a good start and I would certainly have settled for it.

"The players are fine, there are quite a few whose confidence has picked up over the two games. The most important thing is they are enjoying themselves."

The Chat's first win in seven league games lifted them up to 15th in Ryman Division One South, ahead of Saturday's game away at Ashford Town.

The Nuts and Bolts won 1-0 at Maidstone Road in August, but are without a win since October and go into the game a point behind Binks' side.



Picture ADRIAN LINE

AT THE DOUBLE: Chatham top scorer Darren Smith scored twice to set-up a win in Steve Binks' first home game

Penalty kick secures Medway cup place

DAFYDD Ruffle put Medway into the last 32 of the EDF Energy Junior Vase with the last kick of the game as the hosts claimed the scalp of a third Kent 1 club this season.

In a match affected by appalling weather conditions, the home side had a nightmare start and were 8-0 down after six minutes. But they recovered to play intelligent rugby and overcame a physically imposing Park House side.

Medway coach Taff Gwilliam was delighted with the result.

He said: "Park House are a strong side and we are absolutely delighted with the victory. It shows we are going in the right direction.

"I would say the first half was the best 40 minutes of rugby I have seen the team play since I took over. It was the manner of the display, we knew what the conditions would be like so we had a game plan and the players executed it."

The hosts went in at the break level

RUGBY

Medway 14 Park House 11

thanks to a Ruffle penalty and a try from Spencer Lancaster.

The sides traded penalties in the second half, before Park House were penalised for collapsing a maul, giving Ruffle the chance to seal the match.

Gwilliam was pleased with his side's performance, which followed their poor display in the previous game against Brockleians. He now wants his side to finish the first half of the season with a league win against Sheppey on Saturday.

He said: "Sheppey is the important game for us. We lost the first game of the season and since then we have won ten straight games.

"It is important for us to finish on a high, they are big rivals for promotion and we need to get a win."

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Lords storm to only their second away victory

LORDSWOOD inflicted Croydon's first defeat for six games as they won 2-0 at a wet and windy Albert Road ground on Saturday.

The Lords game was one of only four deemed playable at the weekend due to the weather conditions, but the win saw them climb above Holmesdale into 12th position in the Kent Premier League.

Goals in each half from Mark Vernon and Martin Desede gave the Medway side only their second success on the road so far this season.

Stimson eyes Howard as 'the future of Gillingham'

TALENTED youngster Charlie Howard has pledged his future to Gillingham by signing a two-year contract with the club.

The youth team captain made his first team debut last month in the 4-0 win over Dagenham & Redbridge in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

Gills boss Mark Stimson thinks the 17-year-old will become a valued member of the squad. He said: "Charlie has good ability and is improving all the time. He is a very committed player and can be the future of Gillingham."

Anchs save best 'til last in gritty win at Ashford

GILLINGHAM Anchorians RFC moved to within four points of the top of Kent 1 with a gritty 12-0 win away at Ashford.

The match was played in dreadful conditions, with both sides struggling to find any rhythm. The game was scoreless until 15 minutes to go, when the visitors broke the deadlock with two tries to consolidate their position in the top half of the table.

On Saturday, Anchs travel to play league leaders Old Gravesendians in the final game before the winter break.

No love lost as teams square up for rematch

LORDSWOOD RFC will hope they can repeat their last performance against Aylesford Bulls, when the two sides met at the Jack Williams Ground in Aylesford.

In their match last month, the last kick of the game won the match for Lordswood by just a single point in a bad-tempered 29-28 victory.

A win for Lordswood could see them rise to second in London South East Three and would put the pressure on league leaders Gravesend.

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